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IAN FLYNN

Hey, Sonic fans! This is Ian Flynn, Sonic scribe on Sonic the Hedgehog since #160, most of Sonic Universe, and half of Sonic X, give or take. I've written about some hedgehogs in my time.

I was first introduced to Sonic through the SEGA Genesis games, and then I got into the series following the adventures of Knuckles and the Chaotix. Back then they were way cooler than Sonic in my mind (and I'm still a little biased – shhh!) I've been reading the comic since the early '90s, and now I get to write it. How cool is that?!

I picked out "Mecha Madness" because it's one of my all-time personal favorites. Spaz's artwork sets a new standard for the comic, and Mike Gallagher's story was hilarious, intense and touching all in one go. I hope one day I can tell a story as engaging and enduring as this one!

Now, obviously, the big draw to the story is the multi-round fight with Mecha Sonic and the awesome souped-up roboticized designs for Sonic and Knuckles. But this story is important in a lot of other ways. It showed us Sonic is still bound by law. It gave us rules on how roboticization works, and gave us a window into Sonic's special connection with the power rings. Mecha Sonic would become the blueprints for the Silver Sonic series, and we got more insight into the past between Sally and Knuckles. All more excellent reasons why this is some of the Best of Sonic!

Ian Flynn

IAN FLYNN

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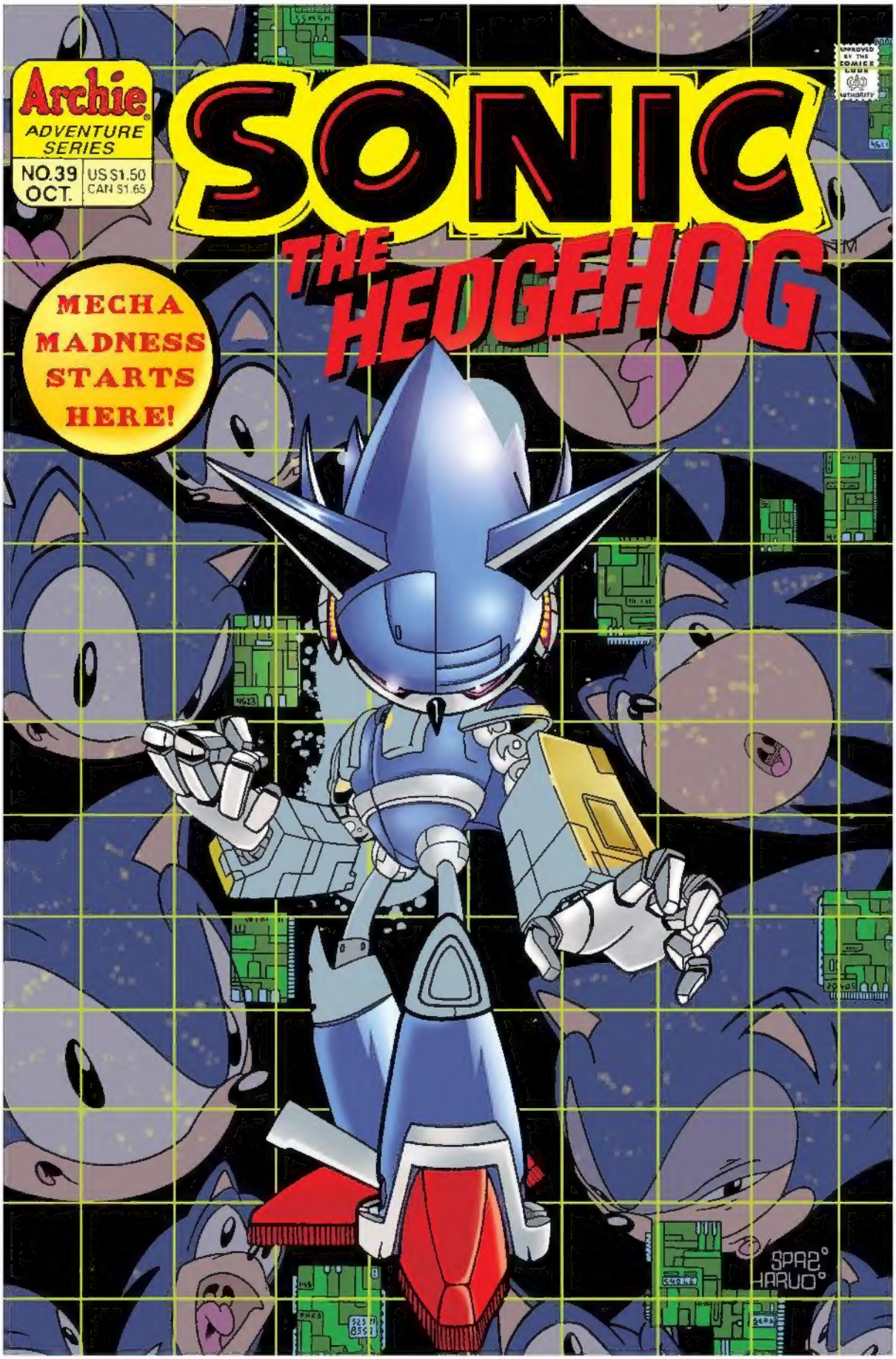
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE
PART I
WILL COME TO ORDER! SORRY YOUR REQUEST WAS DENIED, BUT THAT'S DEMOCRACY IN ACTION!
TSK! MUST HE GO INTO A SONIC SPIN?!
JANUARY
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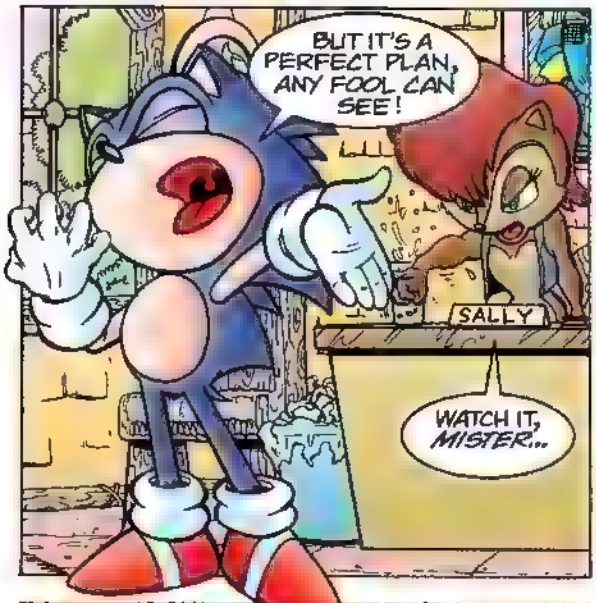
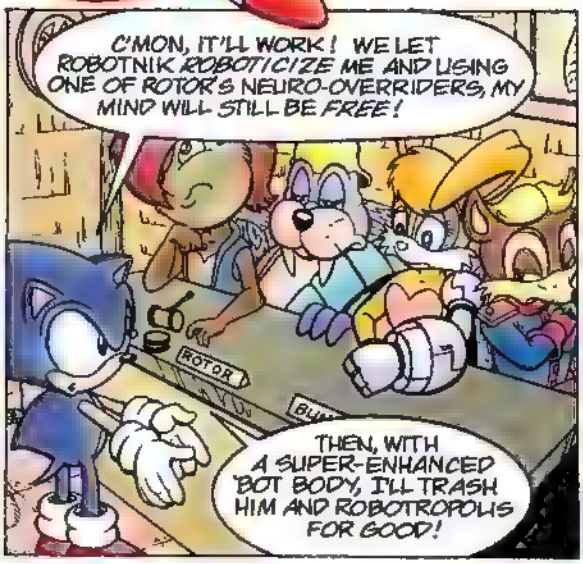
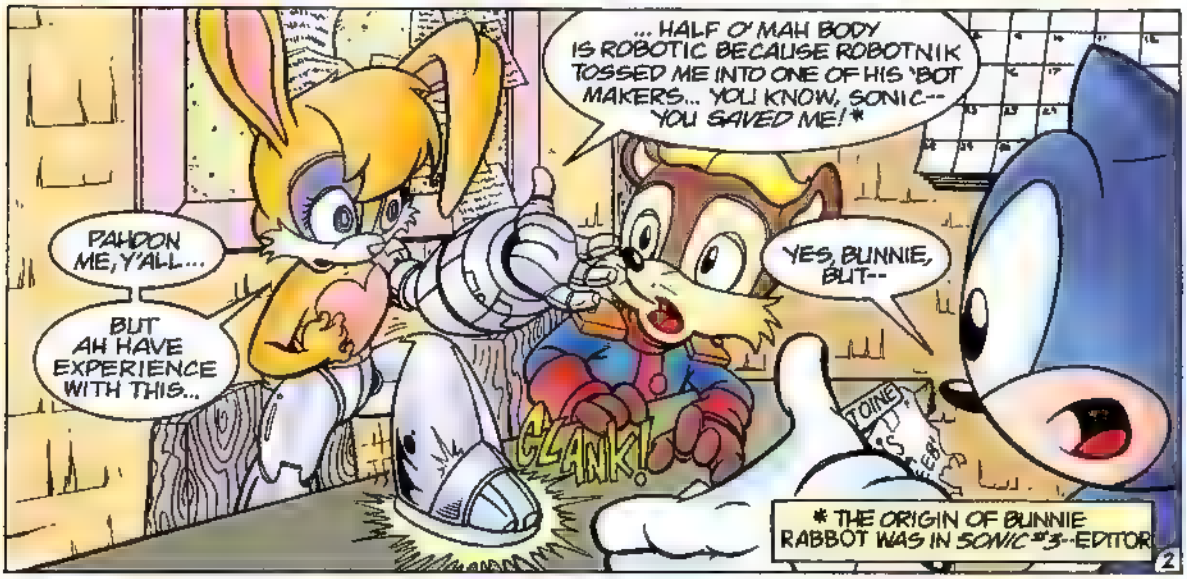
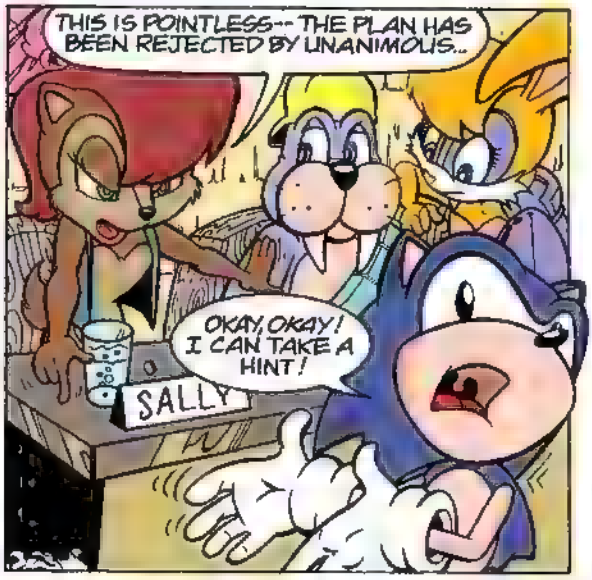

BUT IT'S A PERFECT PLAN, ANY FOOL CAN SEE!
SALLY
WATCH IT, MISTER...

... UNLESS YOU WANT TO SEE MONARCHY IN ACTION!
I MEANT NO DISRESPECT, PRINCESS!

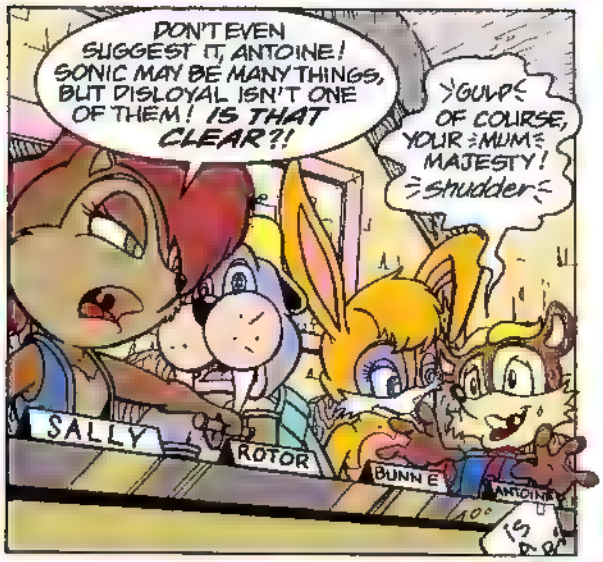

C'MON, IT'LL WORK! WE LET ROBOTNIK ROBOTICIZE ME AND USING ONE OF ROTOR'S NEURO-OVERRIDERS, MY MIND WILL STILL BE FREE!
ROTOR
THEN, WITH A SUPER-ENHANCED 'BOT BODY, I'LL TRASH HIM AND ROBOTROPOLIS FOR GOOD!

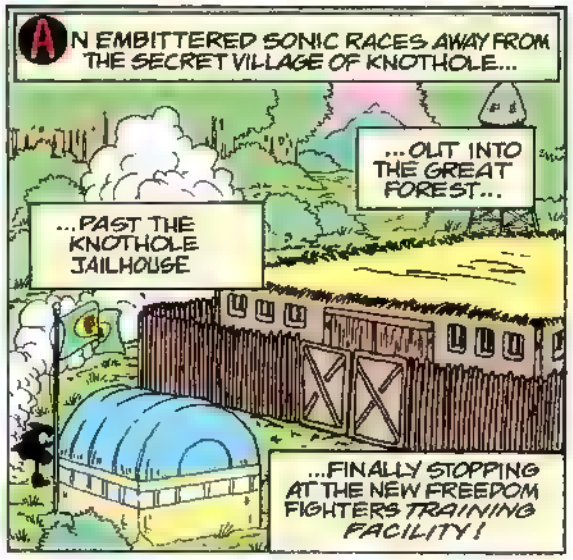
NO WAY, SONIC! SALLY TRIED THAT AND IT ALMOST DESTROYED US ALL!* WE CAN'T RISK A "MECHA-SONIC" ON THE LOOSE!
I CAN HANDLE IT, ROTOR! GIMME A SHOT!
*SONIC #29--EDITOR


... HALF O' MAH BODY IS ROBOTIC BECAUSE ROBOTNIK TOSSED ME INTO ONE OF HIS 'BOT MAKERS... YOU KNOW, SONIC-- YOU SAVED ME!*
PARDON ME, Y'ALL...
BUT AH HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH THIS...
YES, BUNNIE, BUT--
CLANK!
TOINE
* THE ORIGIN OF BUNNIE RABBOT WAS IN SONIC #3--EDITOR

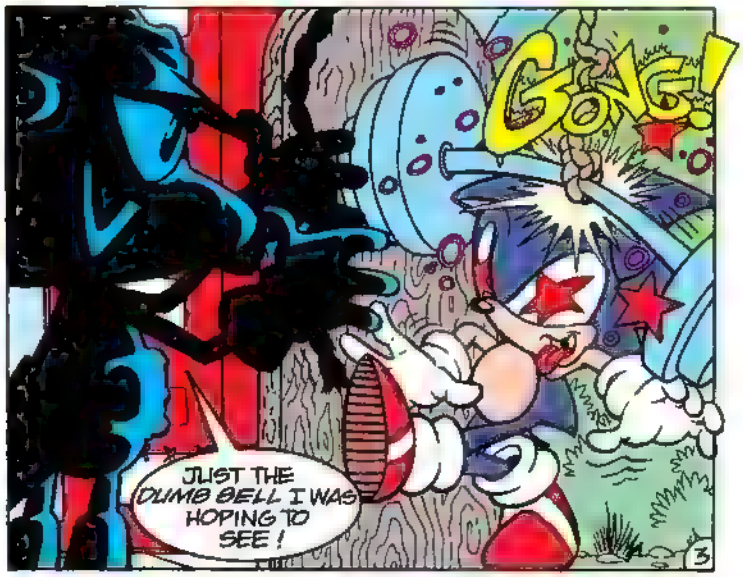

THIS IS POINTLESS-- THE PLAN HAS BEEN REJECTED BY UNANIMOUS...
OKAY, OKAY! I CAN TAKE A HINT!
SALLY

GRUMBLE SELF-IMPORTANT POLITICAL MUMBLE ALL TALK, NO ACTION!
BOG!
HMM... ZEE EDGE-HOG SEEMS DISGRUNTLED! PERHAPS HE SHOULD BE MONITORED!


DON'T EVEN SUGGEST IT, ANTOINE! SONIC MAY BE MANY THINGS, BUT DISLOYAL ISN'T ONE OF THEM! IS THAT CLEAR?!
GULP OF COURSE, YOUR MUM MAJESTY! shudder
SALLY
ROTOR
BUNNIE
ANTOINE


AN EMBITTERED SONIC RACES AWAY FROM THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE...
...PAST THE KNOTHOLE JAILHOUSE
...OUT INTO THE GREAT FOREST...
...FINALLY STOPPING AT THE NEW FREEDOM FIGHTERS TRAINING FACILITY!

HARUMPH! I'M GONNA BLOW OFF SOME STEAM IN THE WEIGHT ROOM...


GONG!
JUST THE DUMB BELL I WAS HOPING TO SEE!

FOOLISH FREEDOM FIGHTER! DID YOU REALLY THINK YOUR PRIMITIVE PRISON COULD HOLD *NACK THE WEASEL* FOR LONG?

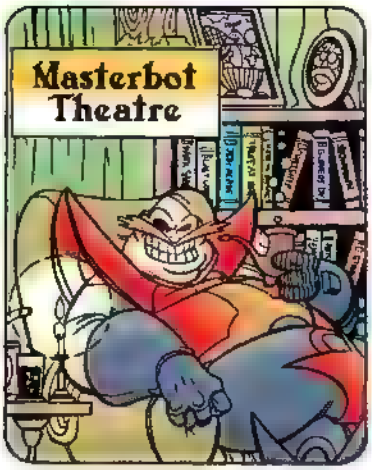
HOLE

REMEMBER ME, SONIC? I REMEMBER YOU... AND YOUR PAL KNUCKLES!

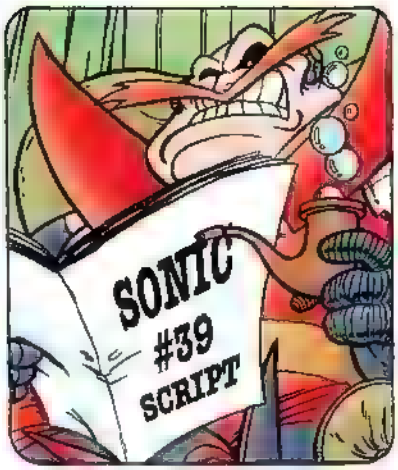
HE KAYOED ME WHEN I WENT TO THE *FLOATING ISLAND* TO FIND THE SECOND HALF OF THE BROKEN *CHAOS EMERALD*!*

*SEE TRIPLE TROUBLE SPECIAL --EDITOR

I HAD A DEAL WITH IVO ROBOTNIK TO BRING YOU TO ROBOTROPOLIS! AS THEY SAY, BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!



AH, WELCOME BACK, GENTLE READER... NOW, WHERE WERE WE ?



AH, YES... THE RENEGADE BOUNTY HUNTER *NACK THE WEASEL* HAD CAPTURED SONIC...

... AND HE SOON DELIVERED THE HATED HEDGEHOG TO HIS ≺SNICKER!≻ DOOM !

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

PART II

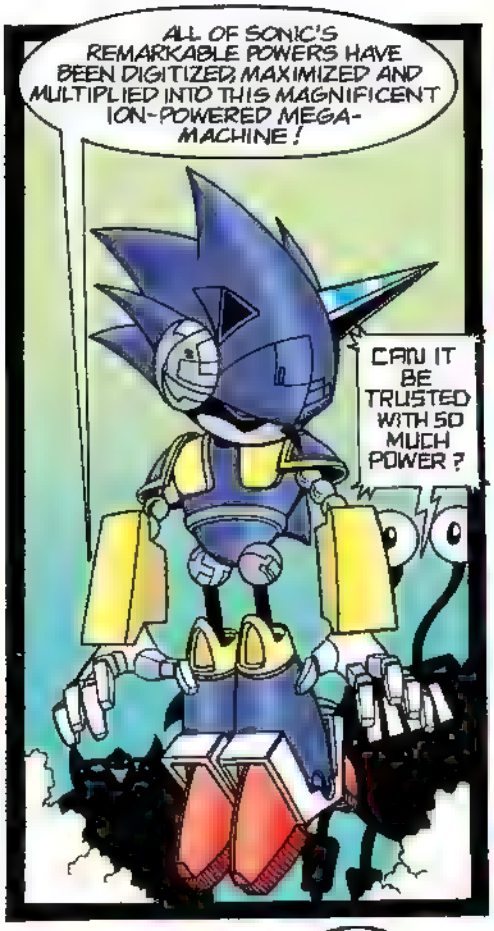
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IS MINE AT LAST !

YES, OH LORD OF LARD !

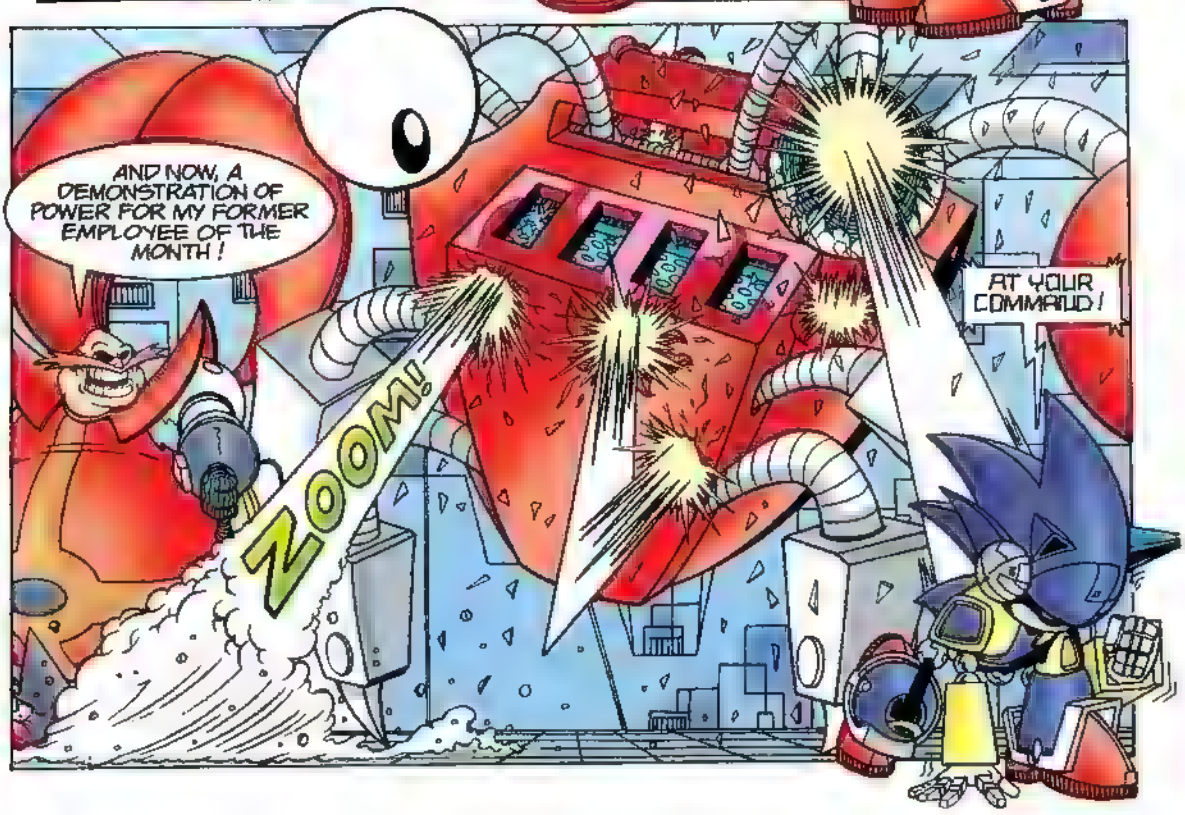
NOT YET, BLUBBER BUNS ! TIME TO PAY THE PIPER... IN *CASH* !

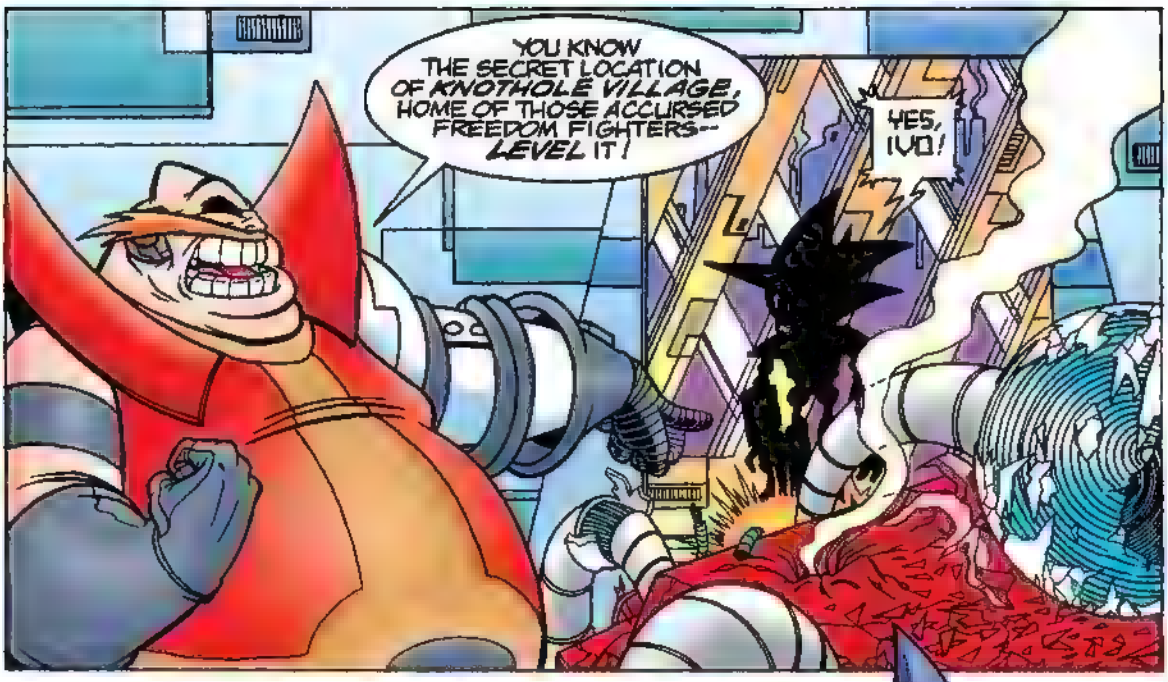
I WON'T MAKE THE USUAL MISTAKES THIS TIME... NO GLOATING, NO SPEECHES, NO CHUCKLE & CHUCKLING... STRAIGHT TO THE ROBOTICIZER WITH HIM!
YO-- NO MONEY, NO HEDGEHOG, FLABIO!
HEY! DO NOT "DIS" THE MASTER!
YOU HEARD CRABMEAT, MR. WEASEL...HE DOES NOT LIKE YOUR TONE OF VOICE!
OH, YEAH? AND WHAT'S THE LITTLE SEAFOOD COCKTAIL GONNA DO ABOUT IT?
Y.U...
SHALL WE SHOW...
THE MAN, CRABBIE?
I'D LOVE TO, OH GROUND ROUND ONE!
CH-CH!
CH-CHING!
GASP!
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE ONE OF MY 'BOTS, BOY! YOUR REWARD FOR BRINGING SONIC HERE IS BEING ALLOWED TO LEAVE--
Alive!

EEEEYAAAAAA!!
ZINGI
AT LONG LAST, I GET TO TURN SONIC INTO A MINDLESS ROBOT!
YES! MY DREAM ≥ choke ≤ COME ≥ sob ≤ TRUE!*
* © MIKE SCHMIDT SPEECHES, INC. ™
BEHOLD, CRABMEAT, HE IS RISEN! THE ONE, TRUE,
MECHA SONIC!
MECHA-WOW!
CHUOOOOM!


ALL OF SONIC'S REMARKABLE POWERS HAVE BEEN DIGITIZED, MAXIMIZED AND MULTIPLIED INTO THIS MAGNIFICENT ION-POWERED MEGA-MACHINE!
CAN IT BE TRUSTED WITH SO MUCH POWER?

OF COURSE! AFTER MY ENCOUNTER WITH PRINCESS SALLY, I UPGRADED ALL MY ROBOTICIZERS WITH "BRAIN BURN-THRU"! IT'S A NEW FEATURE THAT ASSURES CONTROL, RIGHT, MECHA-SONIC?
ROBOTNIK'S WORD IS LAW!


AND NOW, A DEMONSTRATION OF POWER FOR MY FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!
ZOOM!
AT YOUR COMMAND!

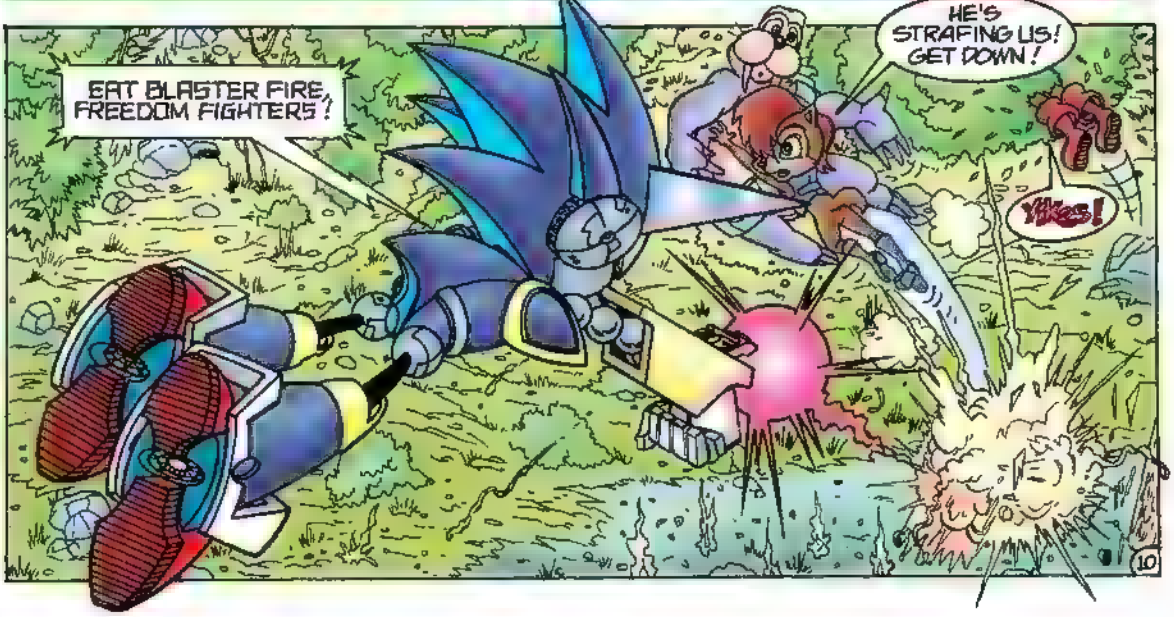


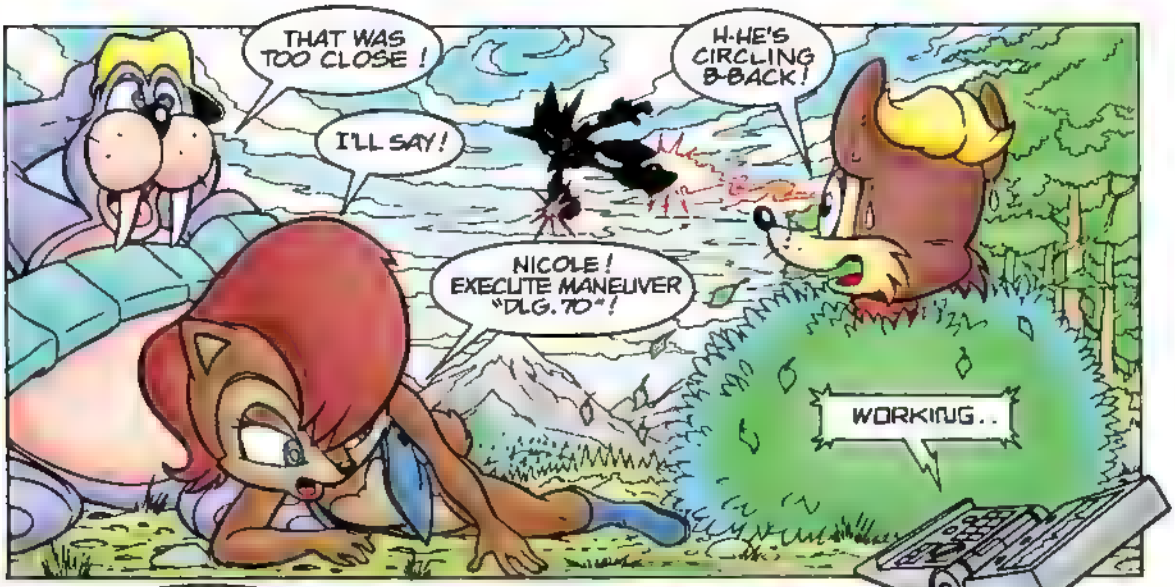
NOW GO, MY ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION... LEAVE NOT A SCORCHED STONE STANDING!

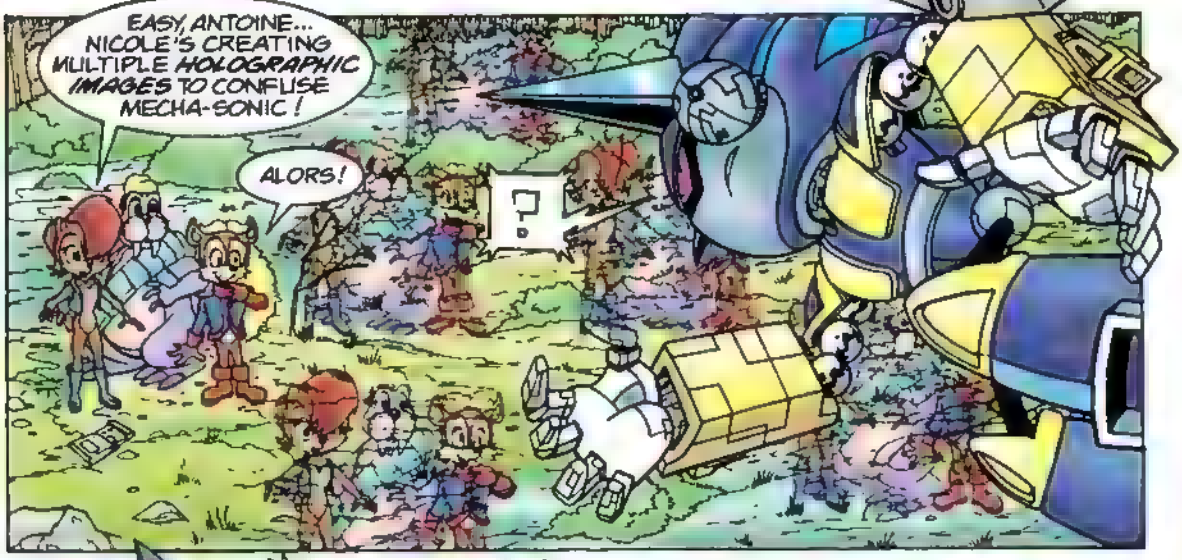
ZOOSH!

THEY WILL PERISH!!

RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE
PART III
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
MY PORTABLE COMPUTER, NICOLE, DOESN'T LIE! THAT MECHANICAL MONSTER ZEROING IN ON US IS DEFINITELY...
BUT HE'S BEEN ROBOTICIZED!
Uhmmm...HE ALSO LOOKS DOWNRIGHT UNFRIENDLY!
HE DISOBEYED ZE COUNCIL'S ORDER! HE WILL BE COURT-MARTIALED!


EAT BLASTER FIRE, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
HE'S STRAFING US! GET DOWN!
YIKES!


THAT WAS TOO CLOSE!
I'LL SAY!
H-HE'S CIRCLING B-BACK!
NICOLE! EXECUTE MANEUVER "DLG.70"!
WORKING..


EASY, ANTOINE... NICOLE'S CREATING MULTIPLE HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGES TO CONFUSE MECHA-SONIC!
ALORS!
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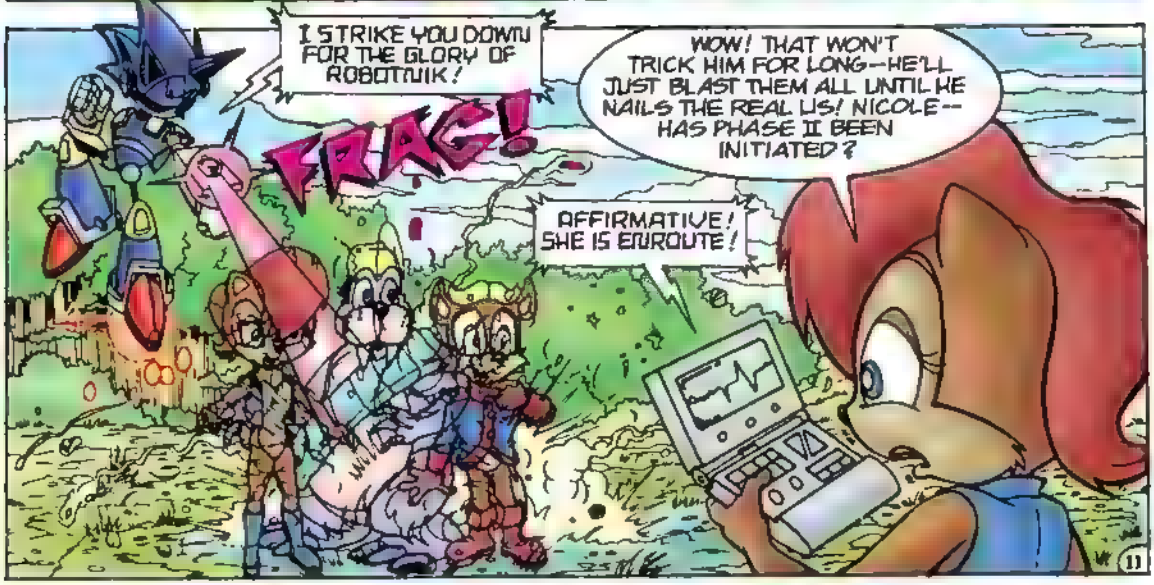
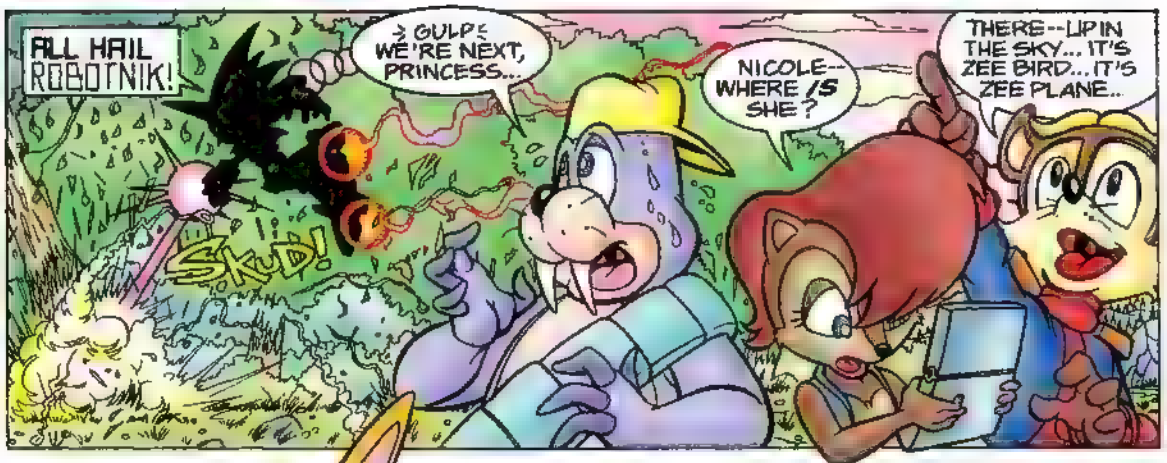
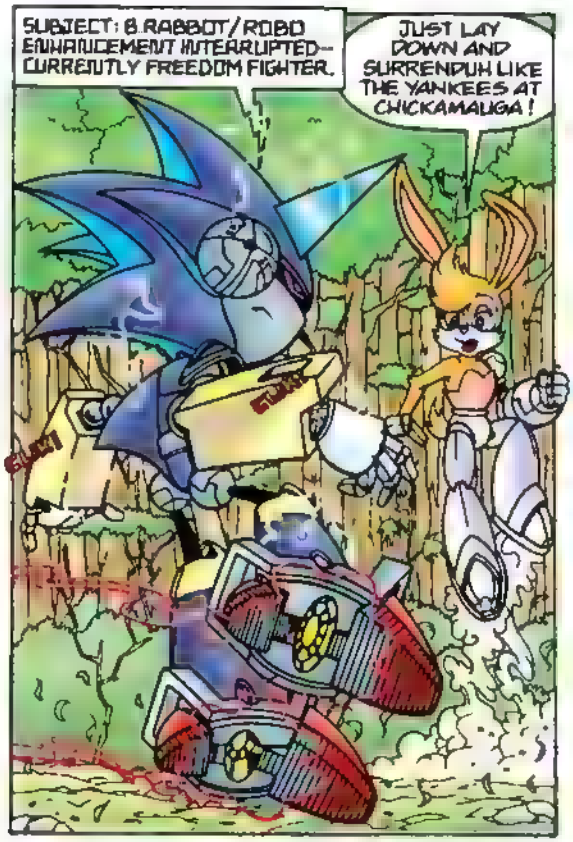

I STRIKE YOU DOWN FOR THE GLORY OF ROBOTNIK!
FRAG!
WOW! THAT WON'T TRICK HIM FOR LONG—HE'LL JUST BLAST THEM ALL UNTIL HE NAILS THE REAL US! NICOLE—HAS PHASE II BEEN INITIATED?
AFFIRMATIVE! SHE IS ENROUTE!

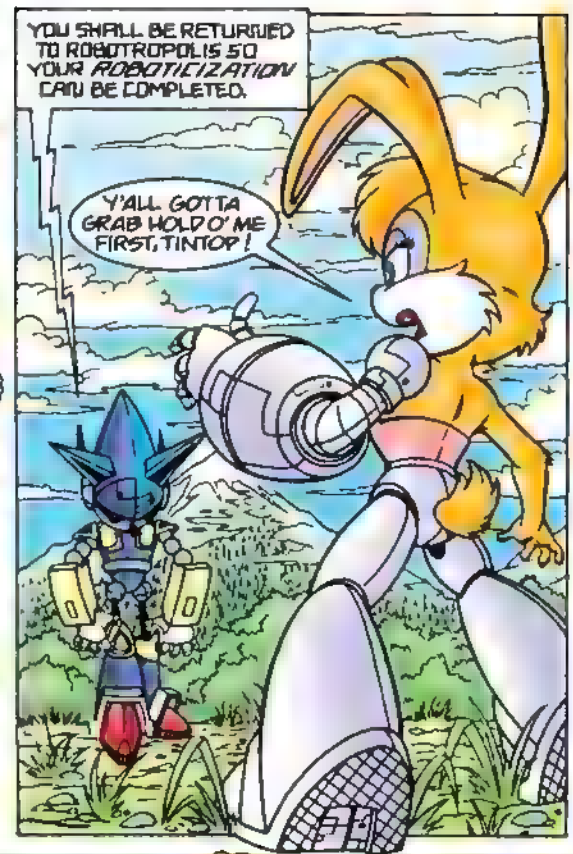


IT'S BUNNIE RABBOT, SUGAH! AND YOU, SUH...HOW DARE YOU ATTACK MAH FRIENDS THAT WAY!

SPLAK!

BONG!





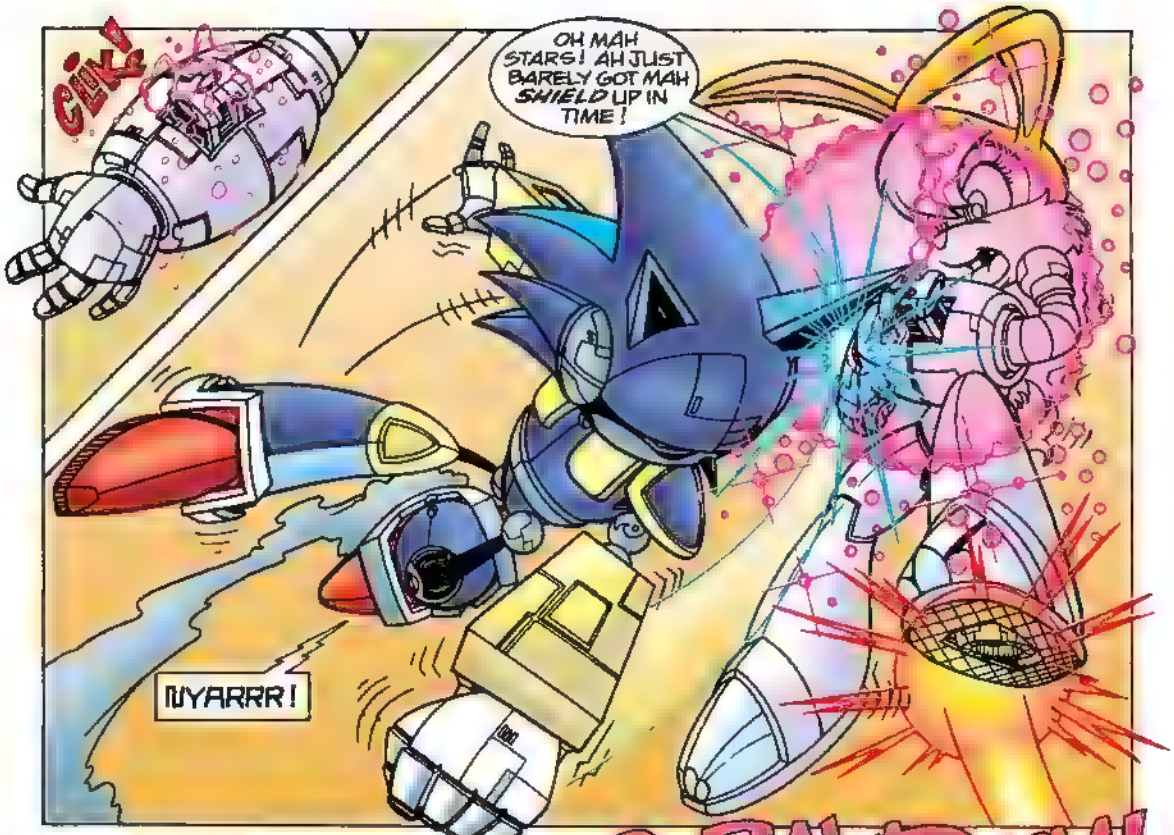
AND THAT MOVE AIN'T GONNA GET IT, BOY! MAH ROBOTIC LEGS CAN TELESCOPE UP BEFORE YOU CAN SAY "OUCH!"

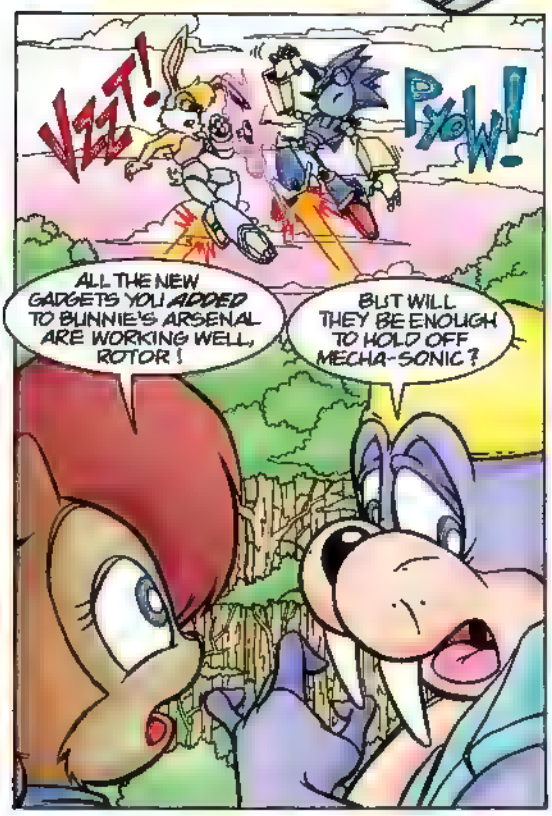
VROOOOM

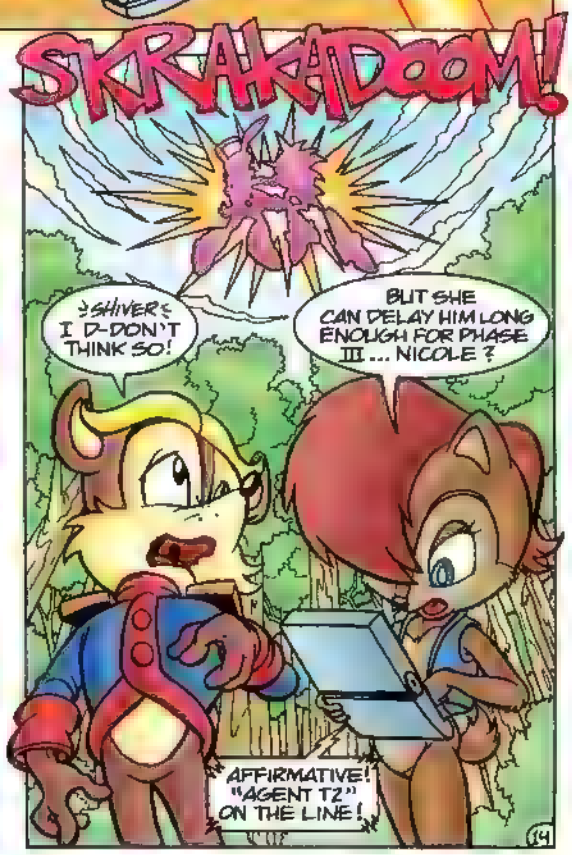
THIRTY-LOVE, MAM'SELLE RABBOT!

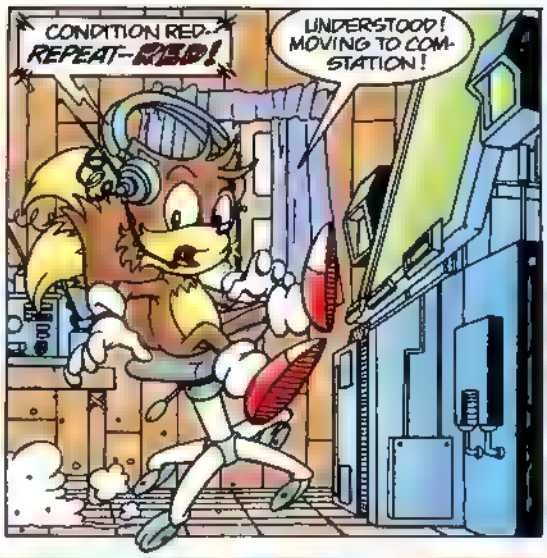
WHUP!

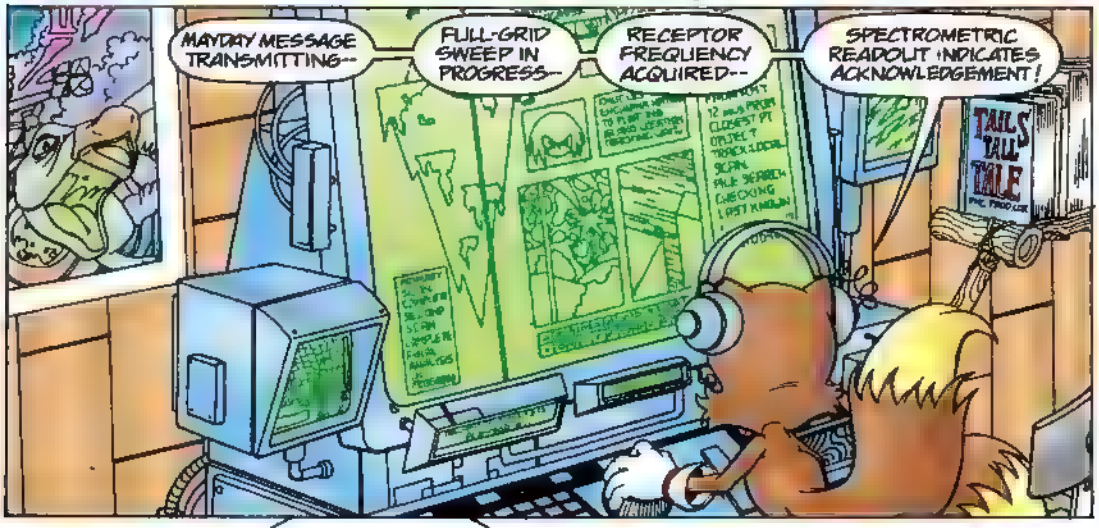
OUCH!

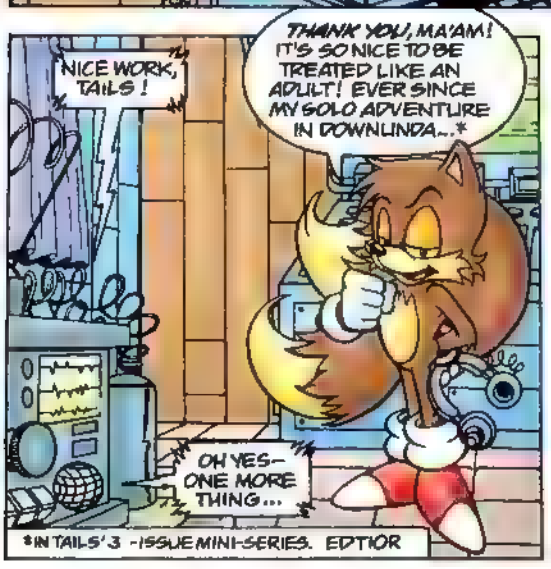

CLINK!
OH MAH STARS! AH JUST BARELY GOT MAH SHIELD UP IN TIME!
NYARRR!


VZZT!
PYOW!
ALL THE NEW GADGETS YOU ADDED TO BUNNIE'S ARSENAL ARE WORKING WELL, ROTOR!
BUT WILL THEY BE ENOUGH TO HOLD OFF MECHA-SONIC?


SKRAHKADOOM!
SHIVER
I D-DON'T THINK SO!
BUT SHE CAN DELAY HIM LONG ENOUGH FOR PHASE III... NICOLE?
AFFIRMATIVE! "AGENT T2" ON THE LINE!







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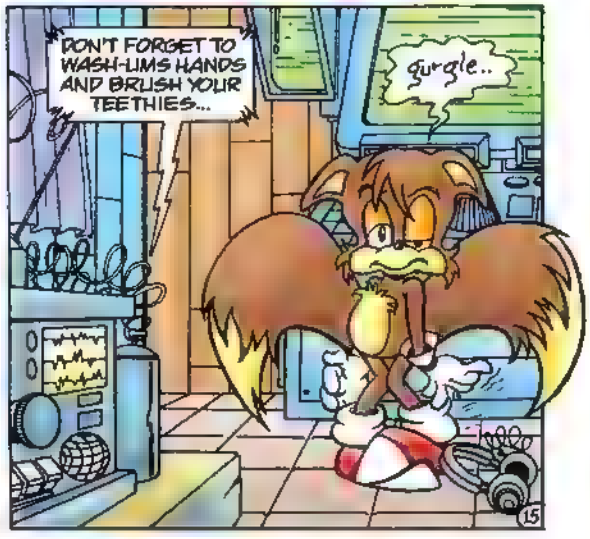


RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

PART IV

YOUR EVENING APERITIF, GURU OF GRAVITY!

THE MECHA-SONIC HAS BEEN INTERCEPTED BY THAT REPULSIVE *RABBIT*!

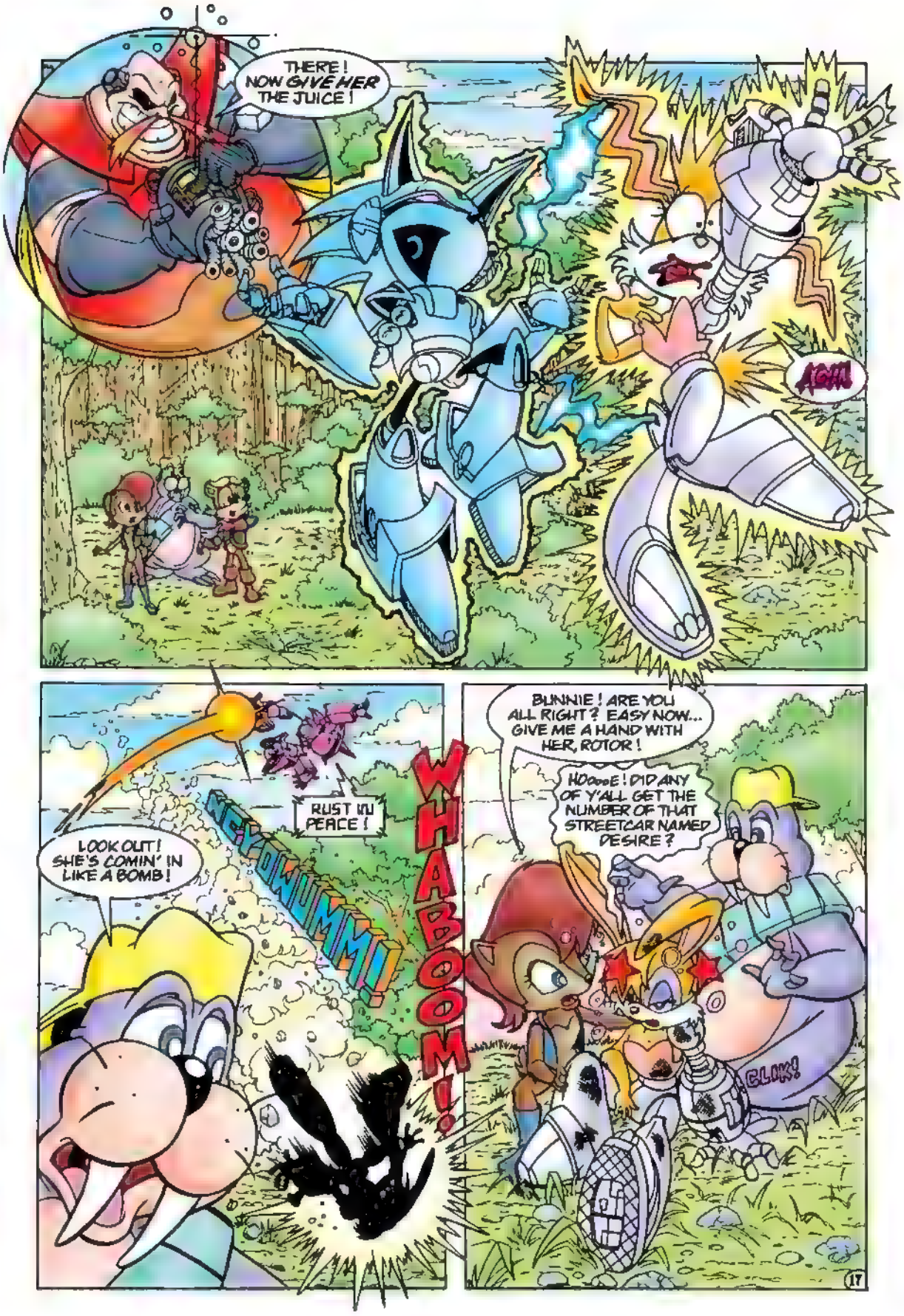
HARUMPH! ALL I NEED IS A REMOTE POWER BOOSTER... I CAN TRANSMIT A SURGE THROUGH MECHA-SONIC THAT WILL TURN HER INTO HÄSSENPFEFFER!

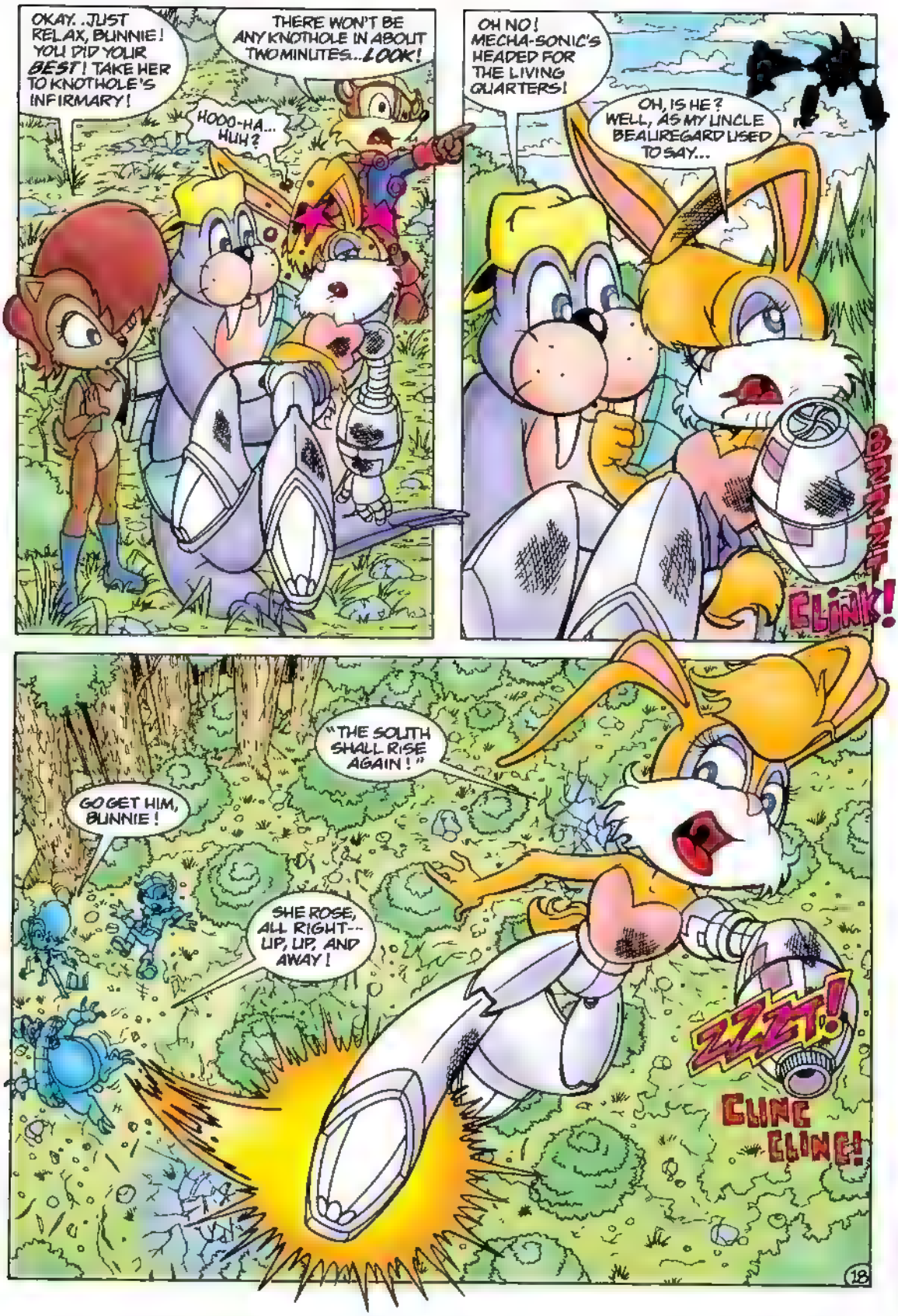
BUT AREN'T SUCH BOOSTERS HARD TO BUILD?

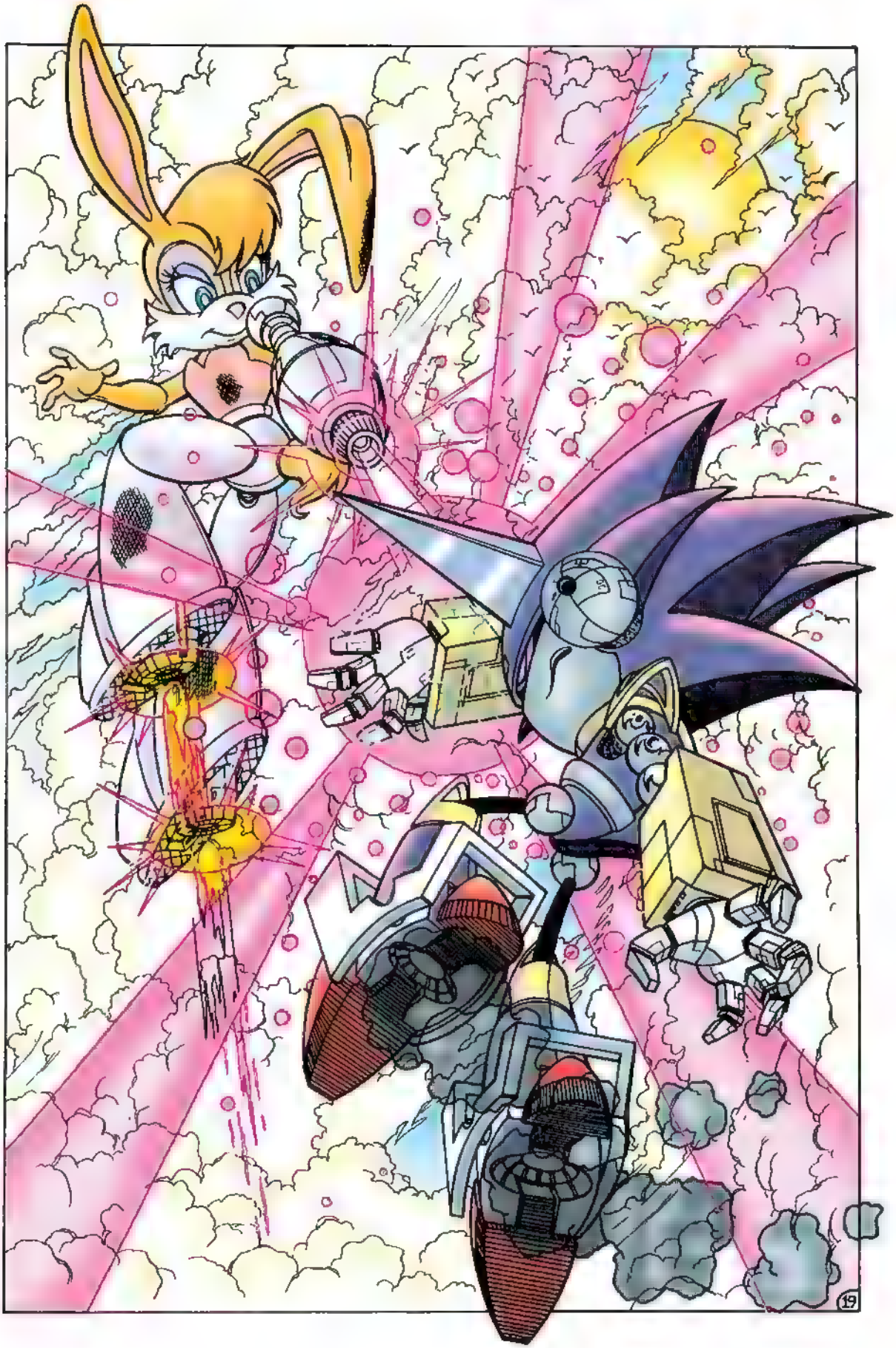
NO—AS A MATTER OF FACT, *YOU* CONTAIN ALL THE NECESSARY PARTS...

RIP!

I HAD TO ASK...


THERE! NOW GIVE HER THE JUICE!
AGH!
LOOK OUT! SHE'S COMIN' IN LIKE A BOMB!
RUST IN PEACE!
WHABOOM!
BUNNIE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? EASY NOW... GIVE ME A HAND WITH HER, ROTOR!
HOooo E! DID ANY OF Y'ALL GET THE NUMBER OF THAT STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE?
CLOK!


OKAY. .JUST RELAX, BUNNIE! YOU DID YOUR BEST! TAKE HER TO KNOTHOLE'S INFIRMARY!
THERE WON'T BE ANY KNOTHOLE IN ABOUT TWO MINUTES...LOOK!
HOOO-HA... HUH?
OH NO! MECHA-SONIC'S HEADED FOR THE LIVING QUARTERS!
OH, IS HE? WELL, AS MY UNCLE BEAUREGARD USED TO SAY...
BZZZZT
CLINK!
"THE SOUTH SHALL RISE AGAIN!"
GO GET HIM, BUNNIE!
SHE ROSE, ALL RIGHT-- UP, UP, AND AWAY!
ZZZT!
CLINC CLINC!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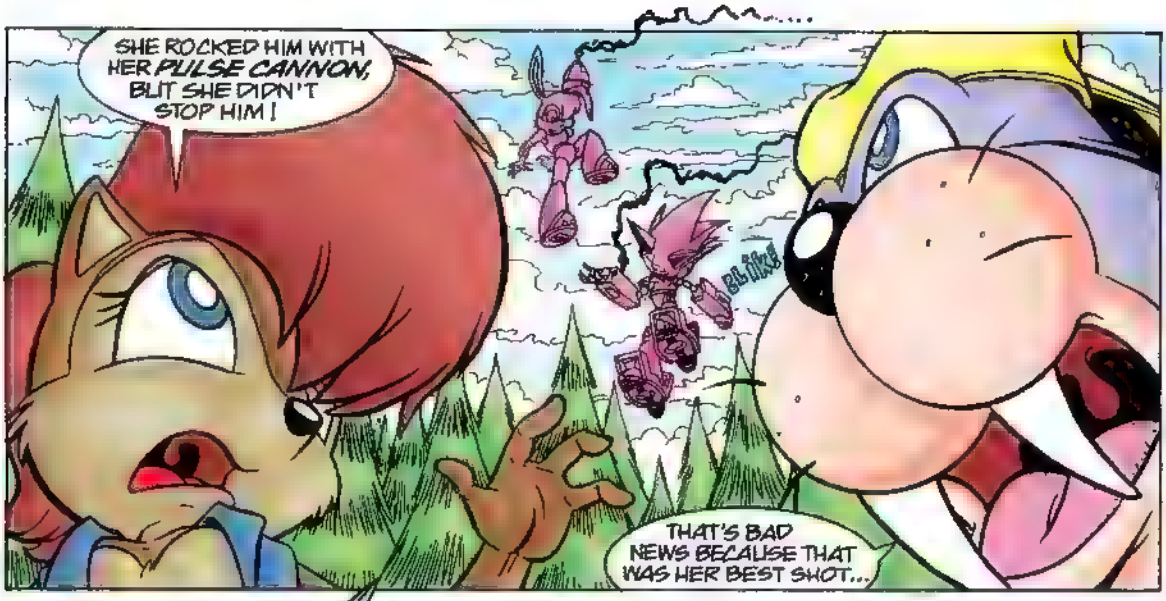
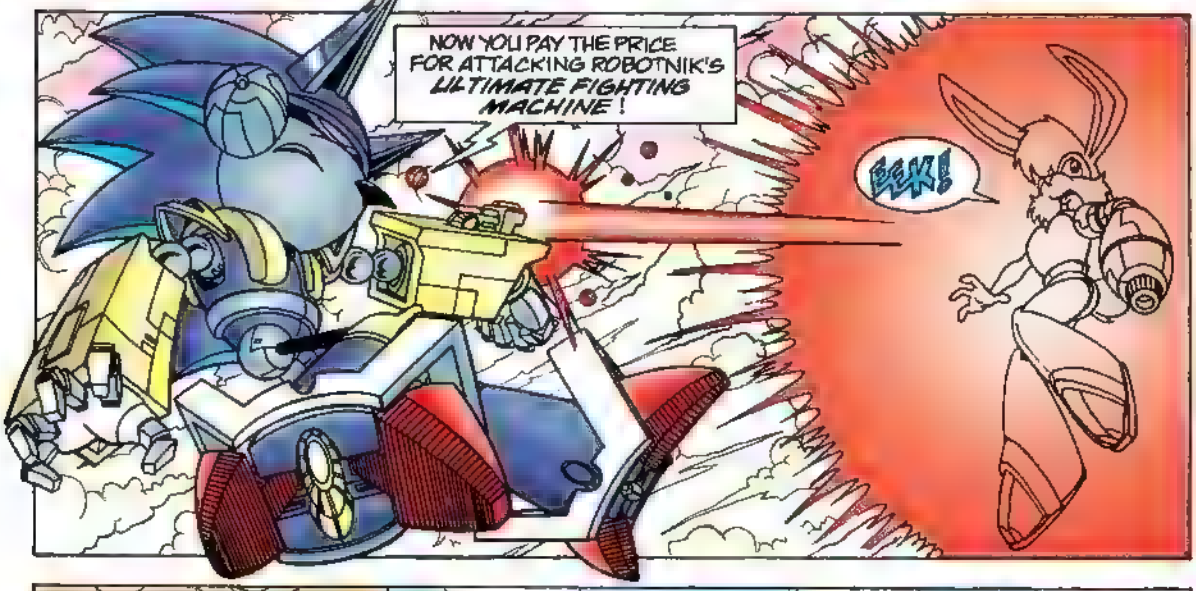
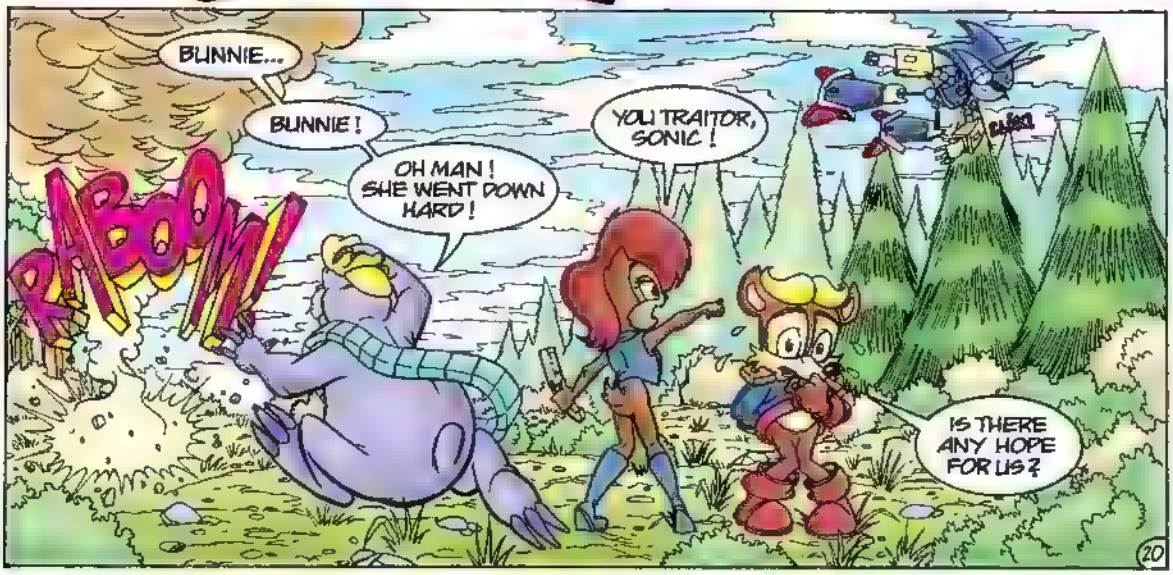

SHE ROCKED HIM WITH HER PULSE CANNON, BUT SHE DIDN'T STOP HIM!
BLIKE!
THAT'S BAD NEWS BECAUSE THAT WAS HER BEST SHOT...


NOW YOU PAY THE PRICE FOR ATTACKING ROBOTNIK'S ULTIMATE FIGHTING MACHINE!
EEK!


BUNNIE...
BUNNIE!
OH MAN! SHE WENT DOWN HARD!
YOU TRAITOR, SONIC!
KABOOM!
IS THERE ANY HOPE FOR US?

RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE
PART V
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IS NO MORE! CITIZENS OF KNOTHOLE--PREPARE TO BE ELIMINATED BY MECHA-SONIC!
HE'S COMING TOWARDS THE VILLAGE FAST AND FURIOUS! YOU'RE OUR LAST AND BEST HOPE!
REALLY?
I DON'T NORMALLY "GET INVOLVED," BUT PRINCESS SALLY ACORN AND I GO BACK A LONG WAY...
YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHER DIDN'T MENTION THAT TO ME,* BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE...
*TAILS MET ATHAIR, KNUCKLES' ANCESTOR, IN THE TAILS MINI-SERIES, REMEMBER? EDTIOR
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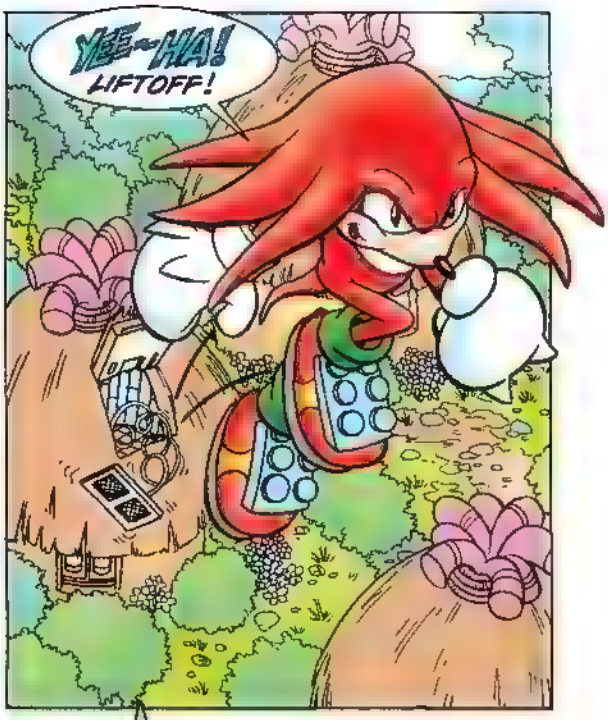

SURPRISE, SONIC... YOUR FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS ASKED ME TO DELIVER THIS TO YOU--

glang!

YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MY ROBO-ENHANCED SPEED AND STRENGTH!
EEEYOW!!
MON DIEU! MECHA-SONIC IS BEATING KNUCKLES TO PULP FICTION!
OH DEAR... THE ECHIDNA IS OUR LAST LINE OF DEFENSE!
IT'S ALL OVER, RED! FIRST I TRASH KNOTHOLE, THEN YOUR FLOATING ISLAND AND ANYTHING ELSE ROBOTNIK ORDERS ME TO DO!
KOFF! NO ROBOT CAN WHIP ME, SEE?
OH, I SEE VERY WELL... OUT OF MY HIGH VOLTAGE OPTIC UNITS!

THIS IS AWFUL! KNUX AND BUNNIE ARE DOWN AND OUT!
MECHA-SONIC IS POISED TO DESTROY KNOTHOLE VILLAGE--WE'RE AT HIS MERCY!
AND THAT'S SOMETHING HE HAS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY!
KNOTHOLE IS DOOMED!
MAYBE NOT...THERE'S ONE OPTION LEFT! ALTHOUGH I DREAD SAYING IT, WE'VE GOT TO INITIATE "OPERATION LAST RESORT"!
S-SUH-SALLY! Y-YOU WOULDN'T... YOU COULDN'T ORDER US TO DO THAT!...HELP WOULD YOU?
GASP!
THE FIGHT DOESN'T END HERE! READ ON FOR THE EXCITING CONCLUSION!
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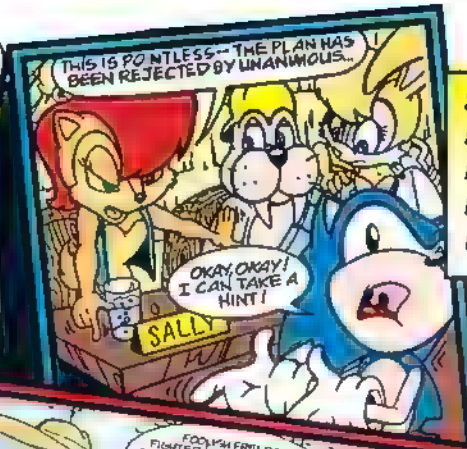

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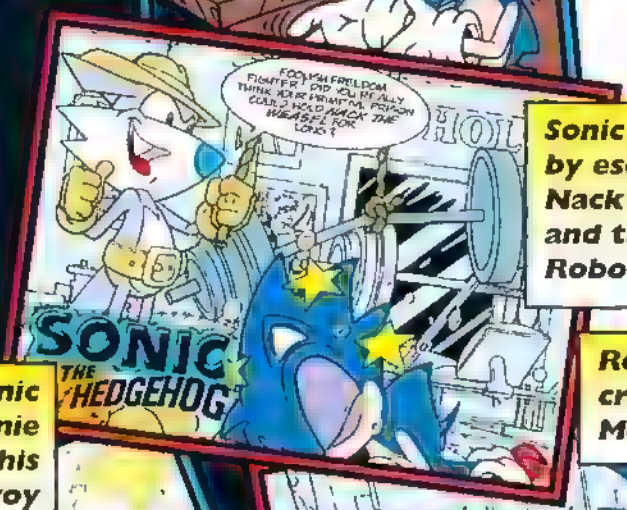
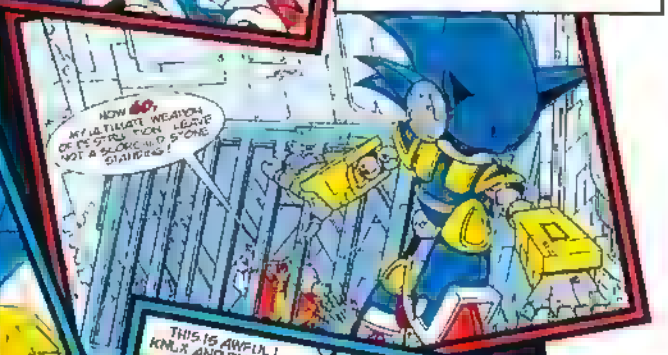
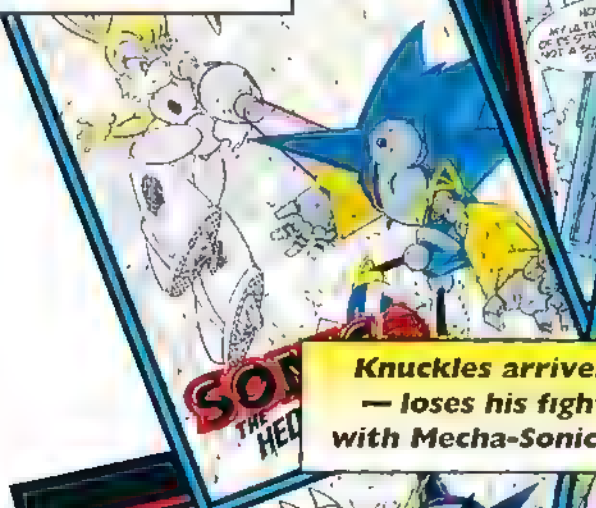


Sonic is ambushed by escaped convict, Nack the Weasel, and taken to Robotropolis.

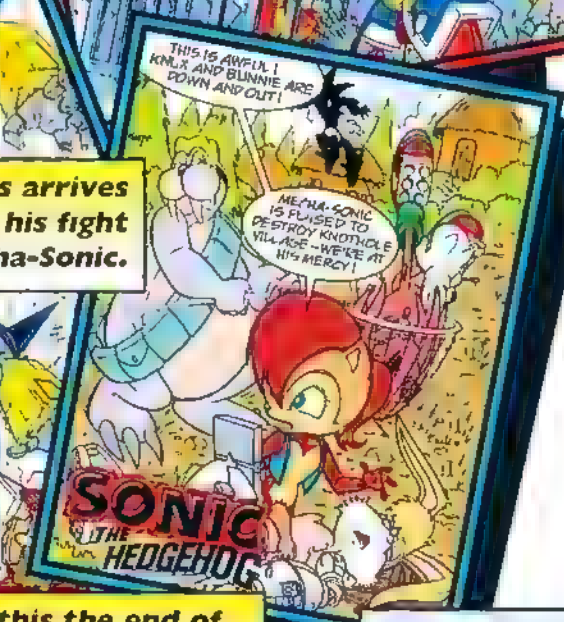
Robotnik finally creates the "real" Mecha-Sonic.



Mecha-Sonic battles Bunnie Rabbot on his way to destroy Knothole Village!

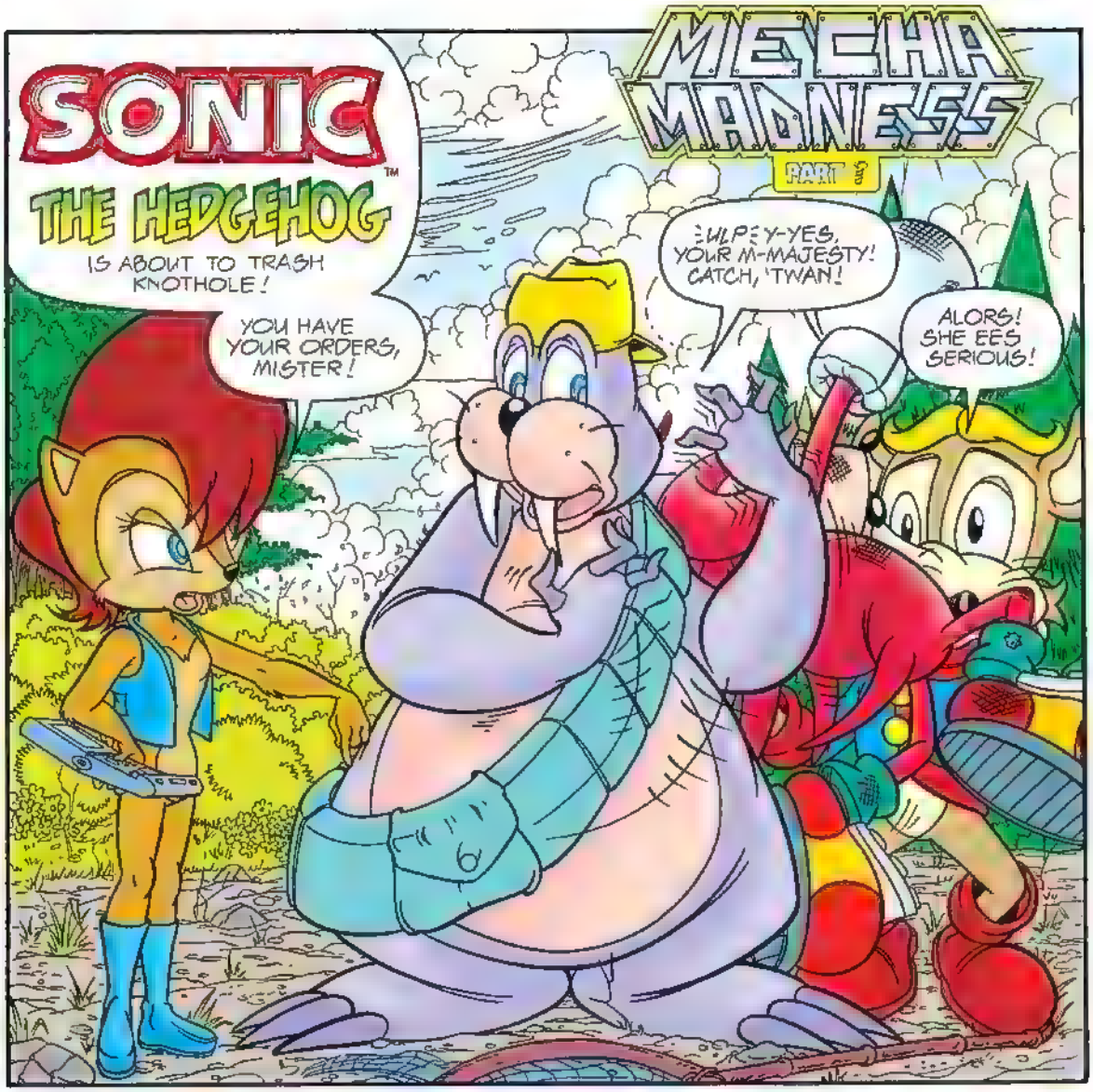


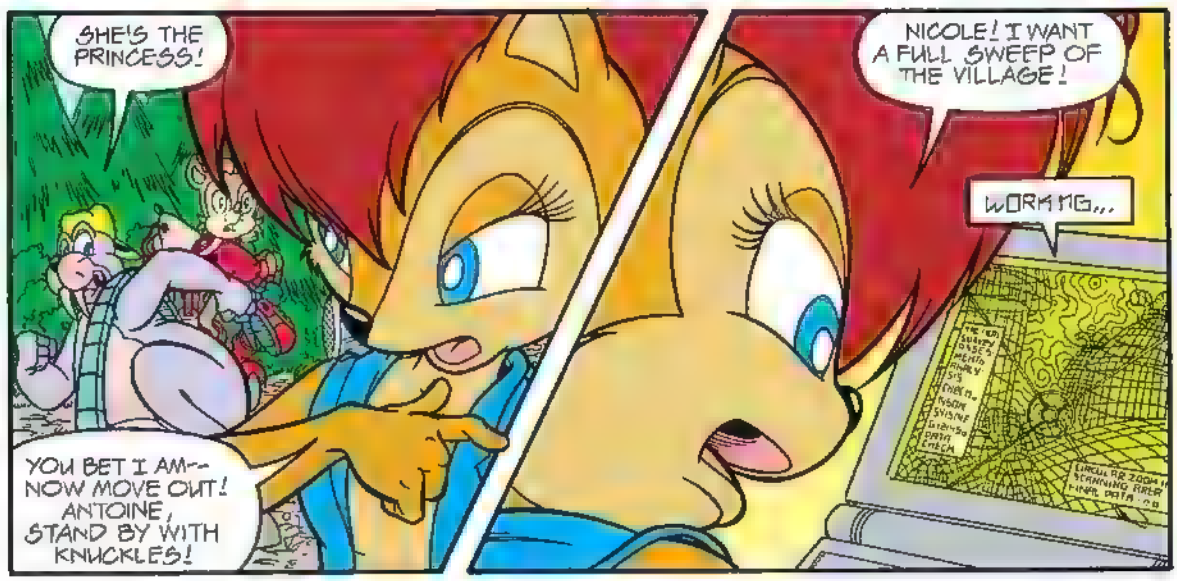
Knuckles arrives — loses his fight with Mecha-Sonic.



Is this the end of the Freedom Fighters?

*Describing events in Sonic #39


SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
IS ABOUT TO TRASH KNOTHOLE!
YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS, MISTER!
MECHA MADNESS
PART 3
EULP! Y-YES, YOUR M-MAJESTY! CATCH, 'TWAN!
ALORS! SHE EES SERIOUS!

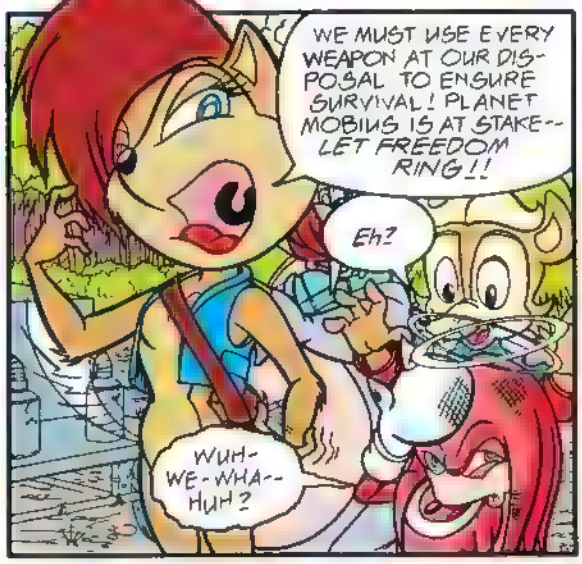

SHE'S THE PRINCESS!
YOU BET I AM-- NOW MOVE OUT! ANTOINE, STAND BY WITH KNUCKLES!
NICOLE! I WANT A FULL SWEEP OF THE VILLAGE!
WORKING...

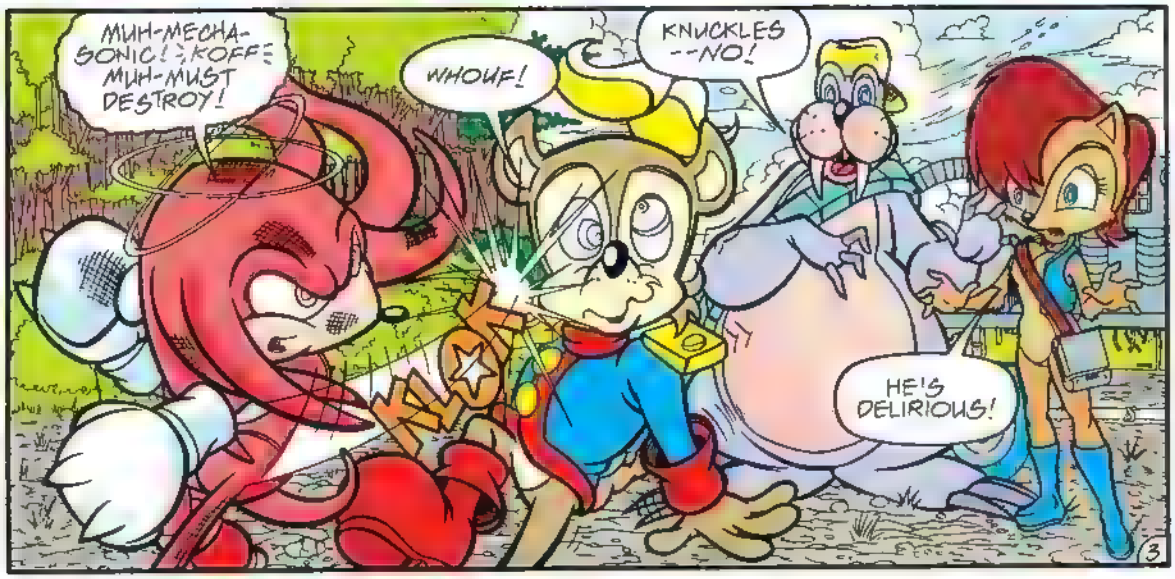
AS YOU COMMANDED, KNOTHOLE HAS BEEN EVACUATED!*
MECHA-SONIC IS INFLICTING HEAVY DAMAGE, BUT IT'S ALL STRUCTURAL.
SKRAK-TOOM
*SALLY GAVE TAILS THE CODED ORDER IN SONIC #39 --EDITOR
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE DISOBEYED A DIRECT ORDER! SONIC'S BEHAVIOR BORDERS ON MUTINY!
I WEEL BE HAPPY TO FORM A SUB-COMMITTEE AND START AN INVESTIGATION!
DELAY THAT, BUSTER! I'M GIVING THE ORDERS HERE! ROTOR, BRING ME THE 'BOTMAKER!
:Shudder:
YES'M!
GIMME THE SKINNY--IS THIS THING READY TO GO?
AS YOU KNOW, WE ACQUIRED THIS "PORT-O-BOT" FROM ROBOTNIK AFTER OUR FIRST BUNNIE RABBOT ENCOUNTER...
ALTHOUGH IT WAS DAMAGED, I'VE BEEN REPAIRING IT AS YOU ORDERED... I THINK IT'S OPERATIONAL!
YOU THEENK? 'AVE THEES THING BEEN TESTED?

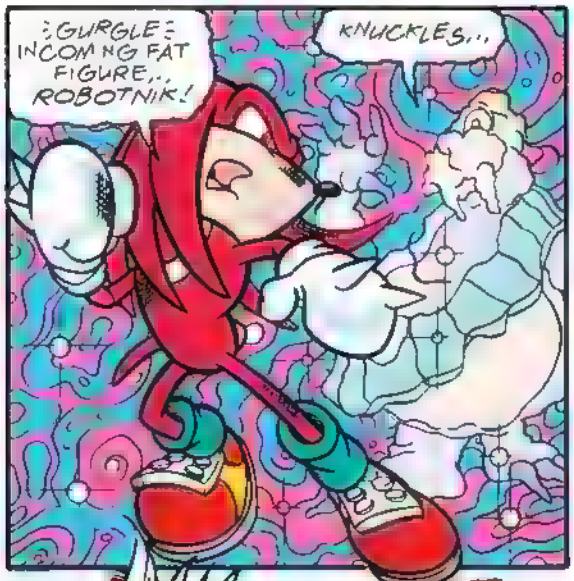
I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION... "NO"! BUT IT'S ABOUT TO BE!
S-SUH-SALLY... IF I MAY S-SPEAK FREELY...

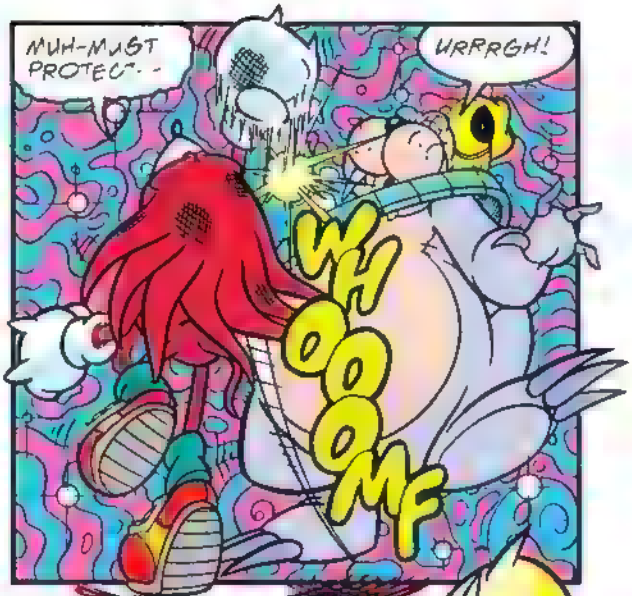
IF WE DO THIS, HAVEN'T WE SUNK TO ROBOTNIK'S LEVEL?
ARE WE NO BETTER THAN HIM?
ET TU, ROTOR?

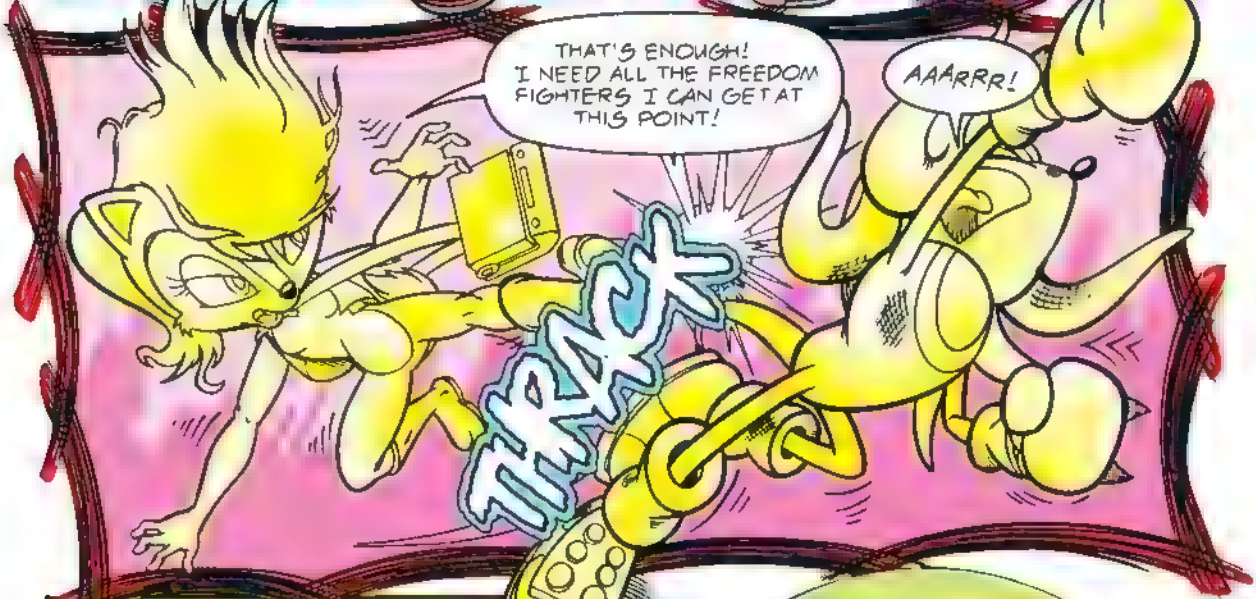
LISTEN, YOU GUYS... WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE!
HUMMM...?

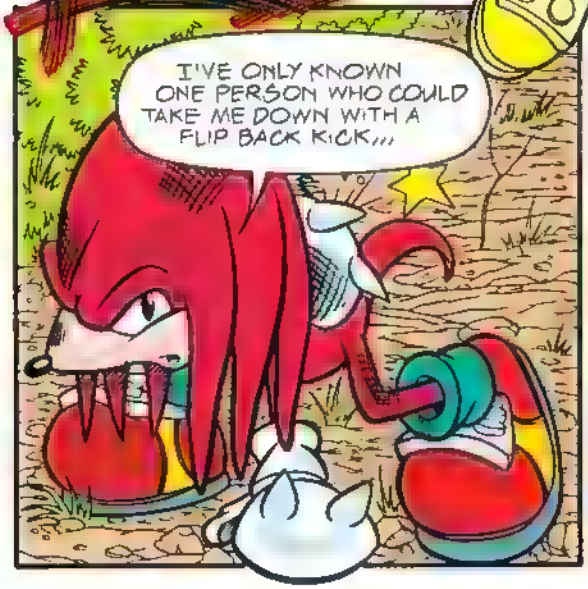

WE MUST USE EVERY WEAPON AT OUR DISPOSAL TO ENSURE SURVIVAL! PLANET MOBIUS IS AT STAKE-- LET FREEDOM RING!!
Eh?
WUH-WE-WHA--HUH?

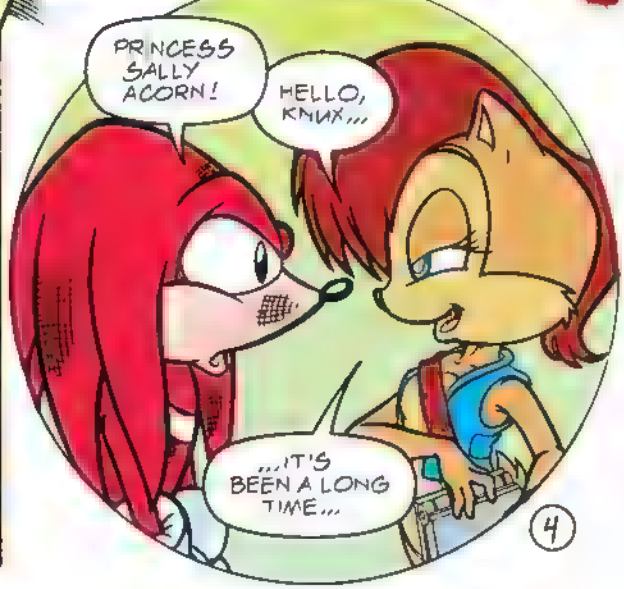

MUH-MECHA-SONIC! KOFF! MUH-MUST DESTROY!
WHOUF!
KNUCKLES --NO!
HE'S DELIRIOUS!

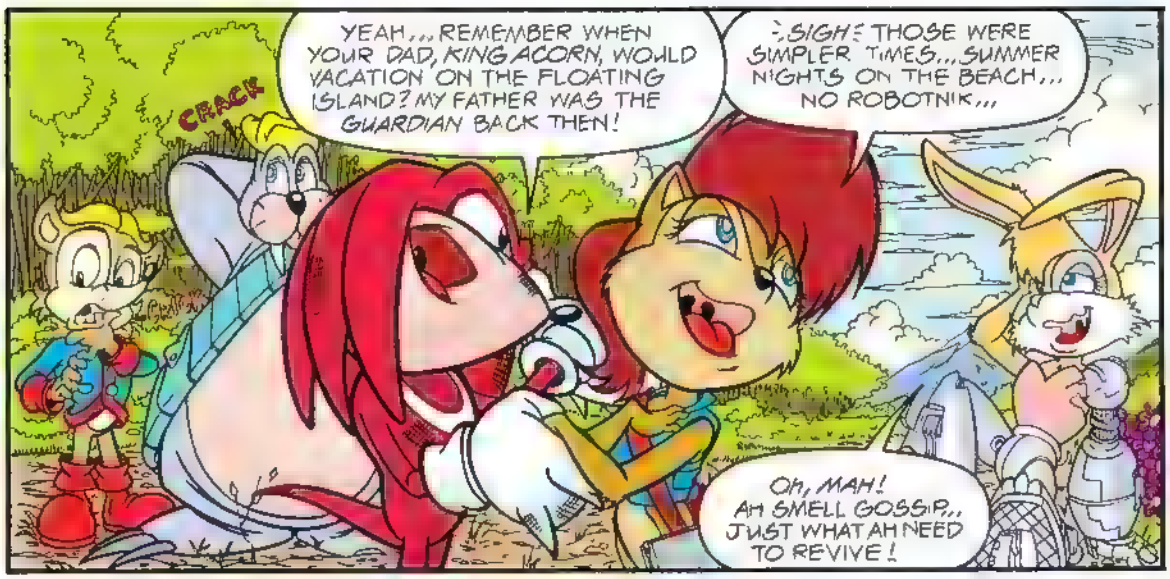

:GURGLE: INCOMING FAT FIGURE... ROBOTNIK!
KNUCKLES...

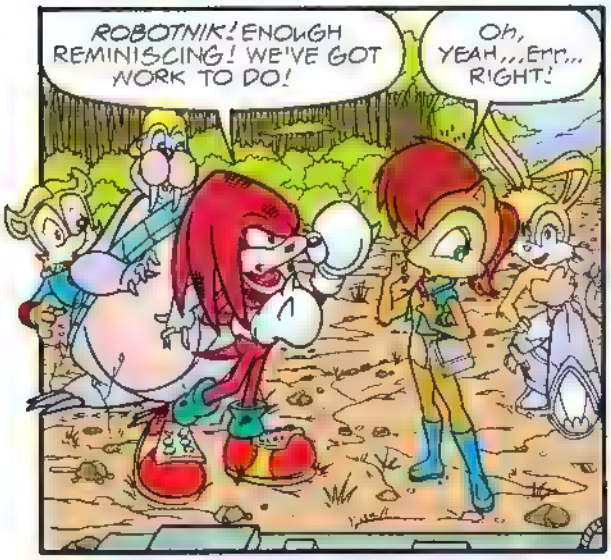

MUH-MUST PROTEC...
URRRGH!
WHOOOMF

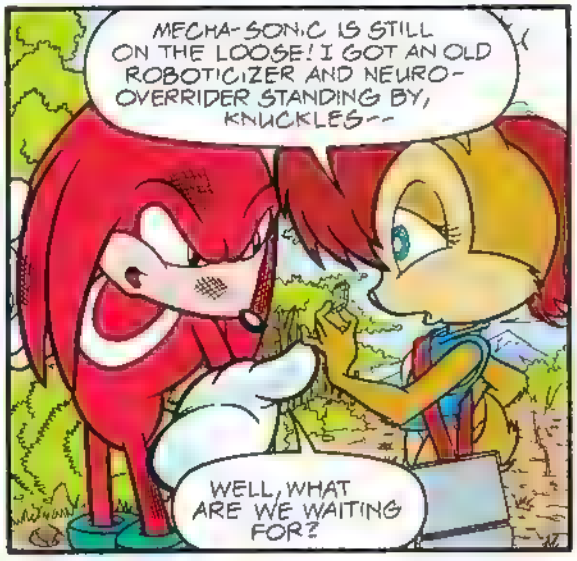

THAT'S ENOUGH! I NEED ALL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS I CAN GET AT THIS POINT!
AAARRR!
TIRACK

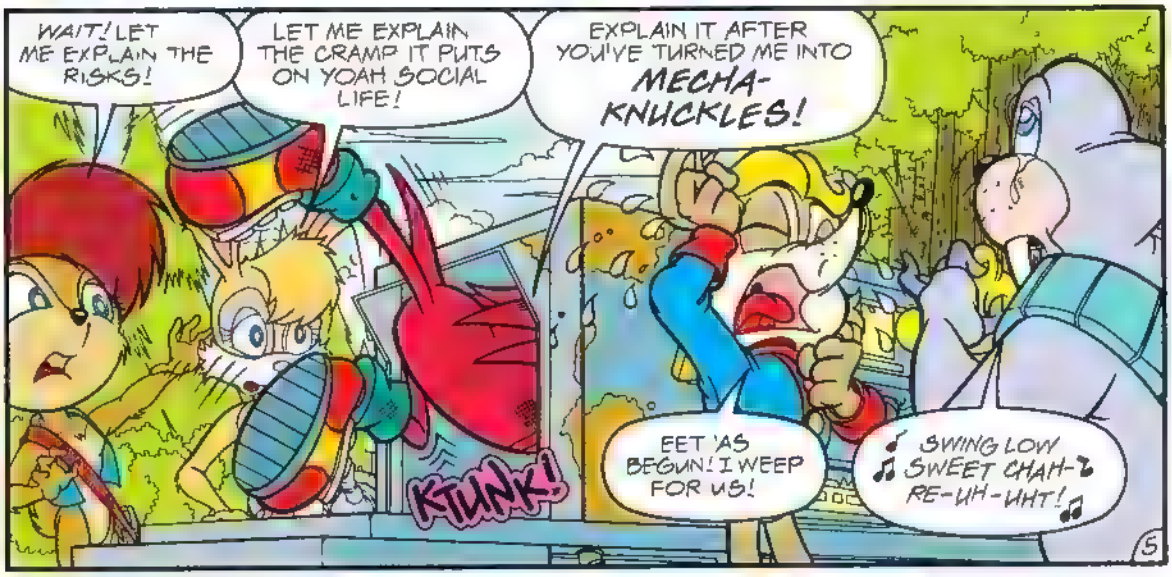

I'VE ONLY KNOWN ONE PERSON WHO COULD TAKE ME DOWN WITH A FLIP BACK KICK...


PRINCESS SALLY ACORN!
HELLO, KNUX...
...IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...

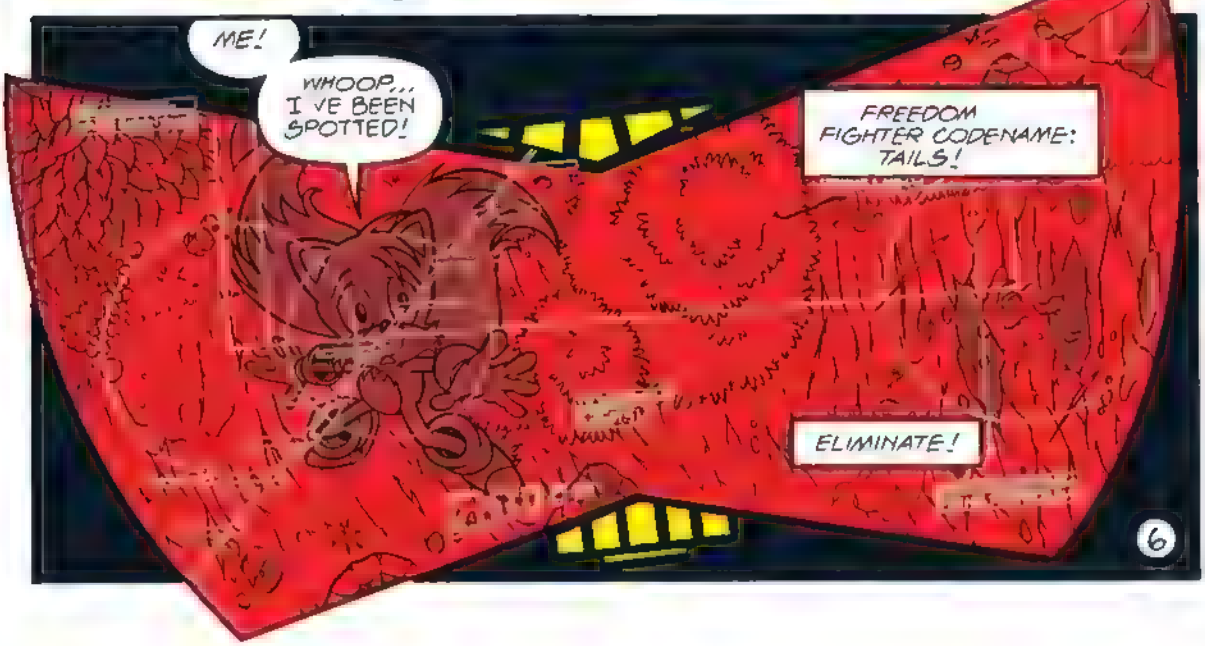

CRACK
YEAH... REMEMBER WHEN YOUR DAD, KING ACORN, WOULD VACATION ON THE FLOATING ISLAND? MY FATHER WAS THE GUARDIAN BACK THEN!
SIGH! THOSE WERE SIMPLER TIMES... SUMMER NIGHTS ON THE BEACH... NO ROBOTNIK...
OH, MAH! AH SMELL GOSSIP... JUST WHAT AH NEED TO REVIVE!

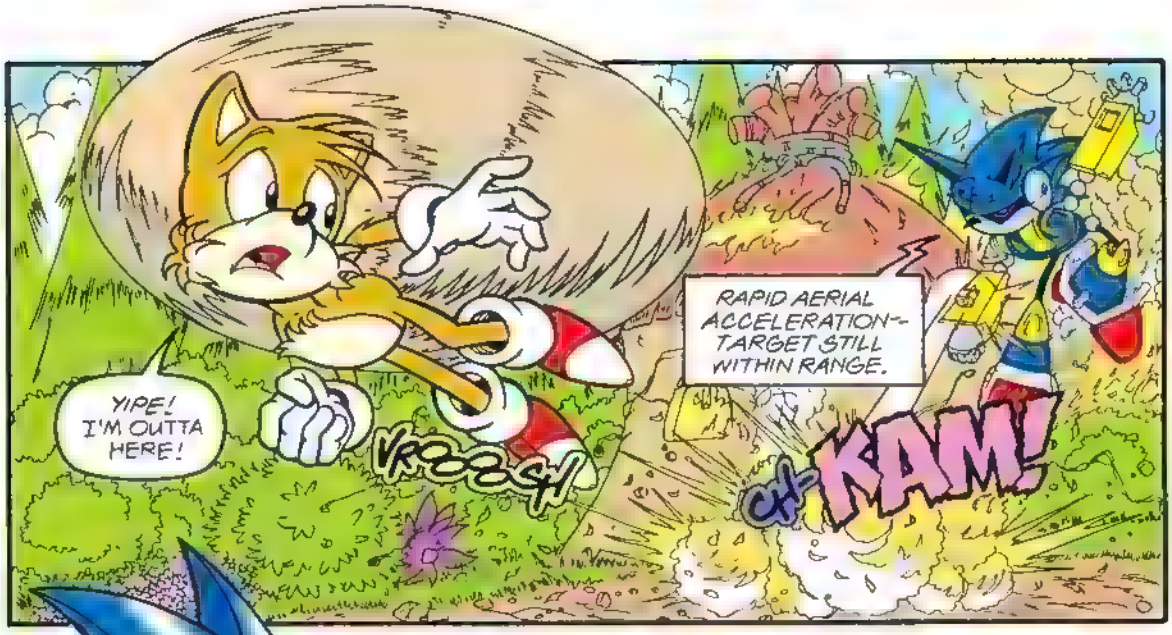

ROBOTNIK! ENOUGH REMINISCING! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
OH, YEAH... ERR... RIGHT!

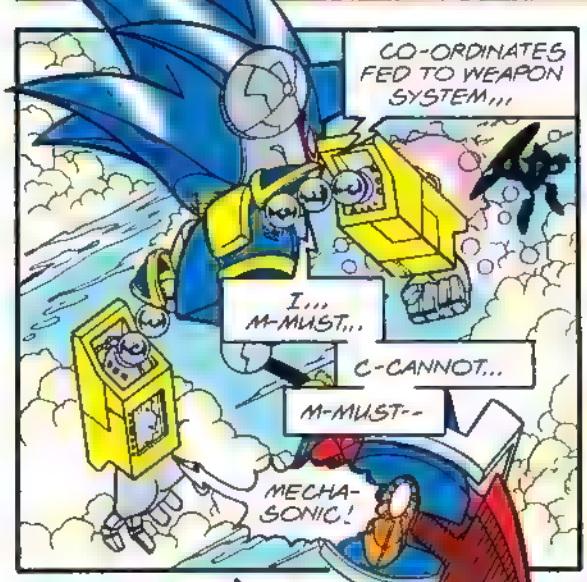

MECHA-SONIC IS STILL ON THE LOOSE! I GOT AN OLD ROBOTICIZER AND NEURO-OVERRIDER STANDING BY, KNUCKLES--
WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?


WAIT! LET ME EXPLAIN THE RISKS!
LET ME EXPLAIN THE CRAMP IT PUTS ON YOAH SOCIAL LIFE!
EXPLAIN IT AFTER YOU'VE TURNED ME INTO MECHA-KNUCKLES!
KTUNK!
EET 'AS BEGUN! I WEEP FOR US!
SWING LOW SWEET CHAH-RE-UH-UHT!

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
S OBLITERATING KNOTHOLE
ILLAGE!
MECHA MADNESS
PART
SRASH
IT S A GOOD THING I HAD THE PLACE E ACUATED' THERE'S NO ONE HERE ...EXCEPT...
uh-oh!

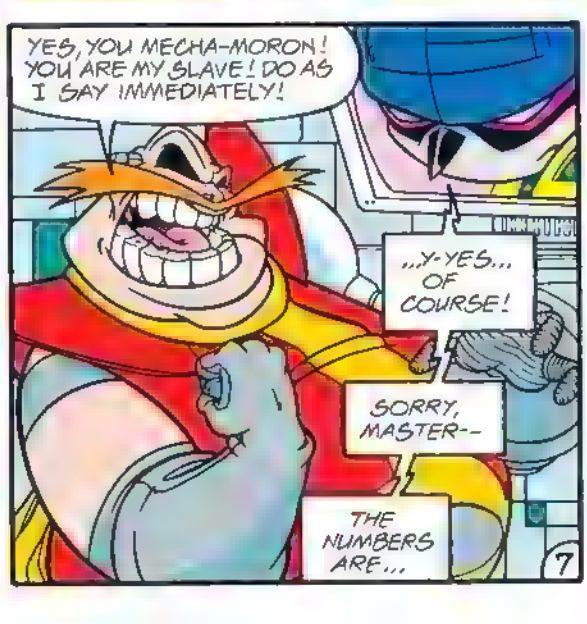

ME!
WHOOP... I VE BEEN SPOTTED!
FREEDOM FIGHTER CODENAME: TAILS!
ELIMINATE!

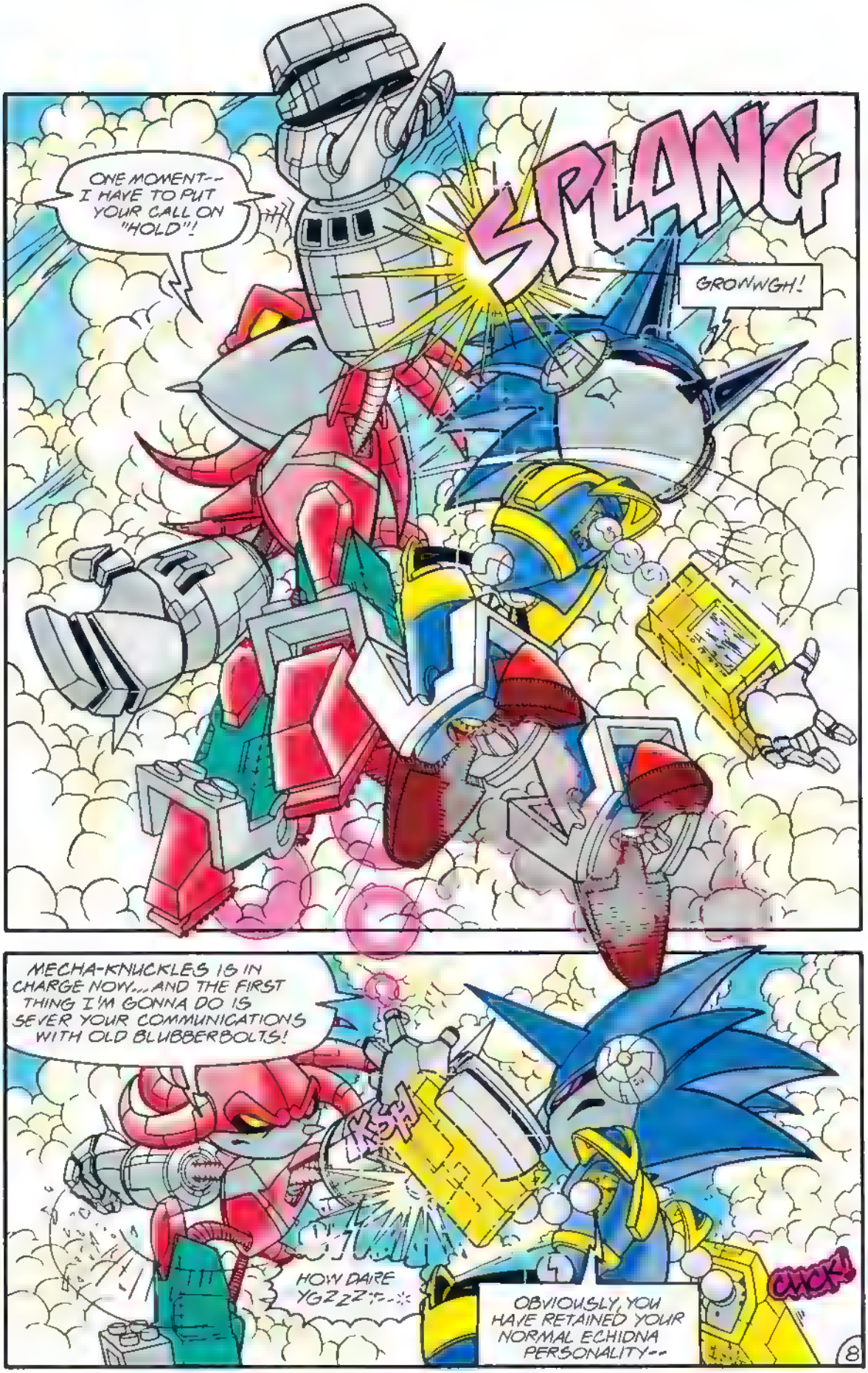

YIPE! I'M OUTTA HERE!
VROOOOCH
RAPID AERIAL ACCELERATION-- TARGET STILL WITHIN RANGE.
KAM!


CO-ORDINATES FED TO WEAPON SYSTEM...
I... M-MUST...
C-CANNOT...
M-MUST--
MECHA-SONIC!

YES, LORD ROBOTNIK?
DID I DETECT SOME HESITATION? YOUR ORDERS ARE TO WIPE OUT ALL YOUR FORMER ALLIES!

OH, NEVER MIND... I'LL DO IT MYSELF! GIVE ME YOUR CO-ORDINATES-- I'VE GOT A STOCKPILE OF NUCLEAR BOMBS I'M DYING TO USE!
S-SUH-SEND YOU THE LOCA-TION--
--OF KNOTHOLE?


YES, YOU MECHA-MORON! YOU ARE MY SLAVE! DO AS I SAY IMMEDIATELY!
...Y-YES... OF COURSE!
SORRY, MASTER--
THE NUMBERS ARE...

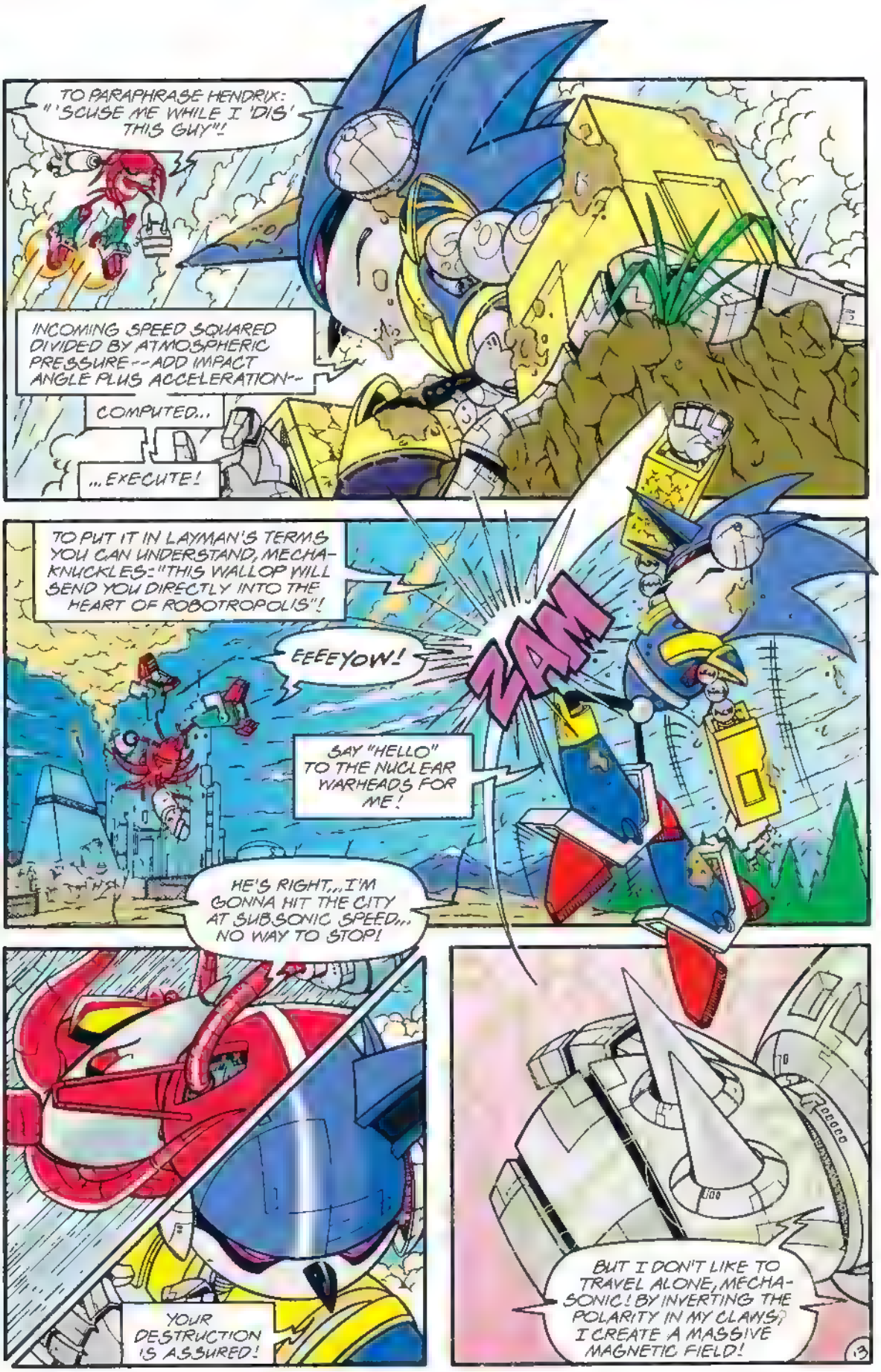

ONE MOMENT-- I HAVE TO PUT YOUR CALL ON "HOLD"!
SPLANG
GROWWGH!
MECHA-KNUCKLES IS IN CHARGE NOW... AND THE FIRST THING I'M GONNA DO IS SEVER YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH OLD BLUBBERBOLTS!
HOW DARE YGZZZ
OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVE RETAINED YOUR NORMAL ECHIDNA PERSONALITY--
CLICK!

GRACIOUS!
THAT FLAW SHALL BE YOUR UNDOING!
MON DIEU!
IT'S THE BATTLE OF THE SEGA-CENTURY!
WHO WILL PREVAIL?
GNYAAA!
THEY'RE VERY EVENLY MATCHED! THE ONLY THING IN OUR FAVOR IS THAT MECHA-KNUCKLES HAS FRESH LEGS!
IN YOUR FACE!
RIGHT! MECHA-SONIC HAS ALREADY BATTLED BUNNIE AND KNUCKLES IN HIS NORMAL FORM...
AWP!
LOOKY YONDER... TAILS IS COMIN' IN LOW!
PLUS YOU LET THE ECHIDNA KEEP HIS FREE WILL...

I'LL END THIS QUICKLY--BY LETTING YOU HAVE IT WITH BOTH BARRELS!

BRING IT ON! MY MAGNETIC KNUCKLAWS WILL DISPERSE YOUR BLAST AND DRAIN YOUR BATTERIES!

BRRZZT MINIMAL ENERGY-- METAL FATIGUE--- VRAP!
TELL IT TO SOMEONE WHO GIVES A FIG!
GRAB!
MEANWHILE, ENJOY THE SPIN CYCLE!
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
ADMIT IT, HEDGEHOG-- YOUR LIFE'S IN A RUT!
MECHA-SONIC GOT TRENCHED!
GRRRBLBLG!
FIRE IN ZEE HOLE!


TO PARAPHRASE HENDRIX: "'SCUSE ME WHILE I 'DIS' THIS GUY"!
INCOMING SPEED SQUARED DIVIDED BY ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE--ADD IMPACT ANGLE PLUS ACCELERATION--
COMPUTED...
...EXECUTE!
TO PUT IT IN LAYMAN'S TERMS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, MECHA-KNUCKLES: "THIS WALLOP WILL SEND YOU DIRECTLY INTO THE HEART OF ROBOTROPOLIS"!
EEEEYOW!
ZAM
SAY "HELLO" TO THE NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR ME!
HE'S RIGHT...I'M GONNA HIT THE CITY AT SUBSONIC SPEED... NO WAY TO STOP!
YOUR DESTRUCTION IS ASSURED!
BUT I DON'T LIKE TO TRAVEL ALONE, MECHA-SONIC! BY INVERTING THE POLARITY IN MY CLAWS, I CREATE A MASSIVE MAGNETIC FIELD!
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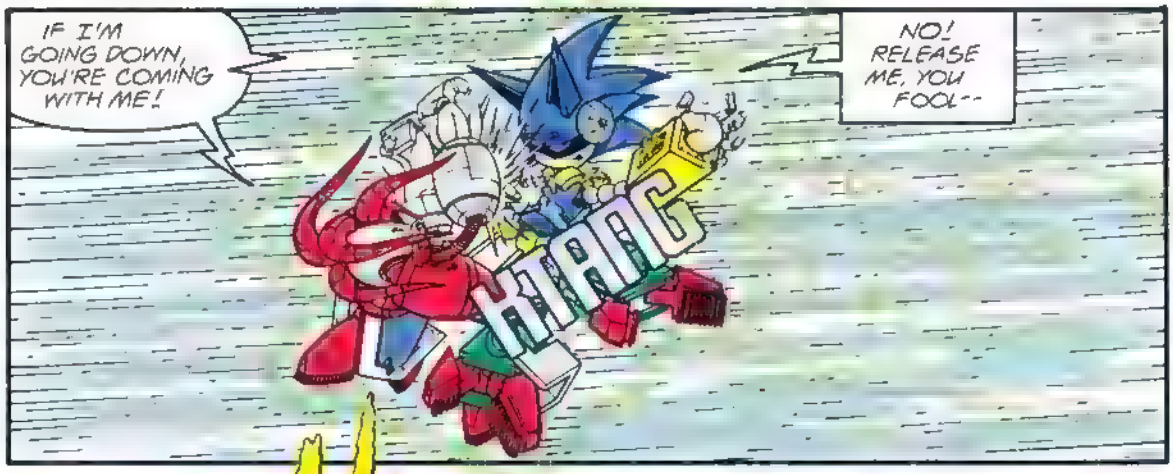
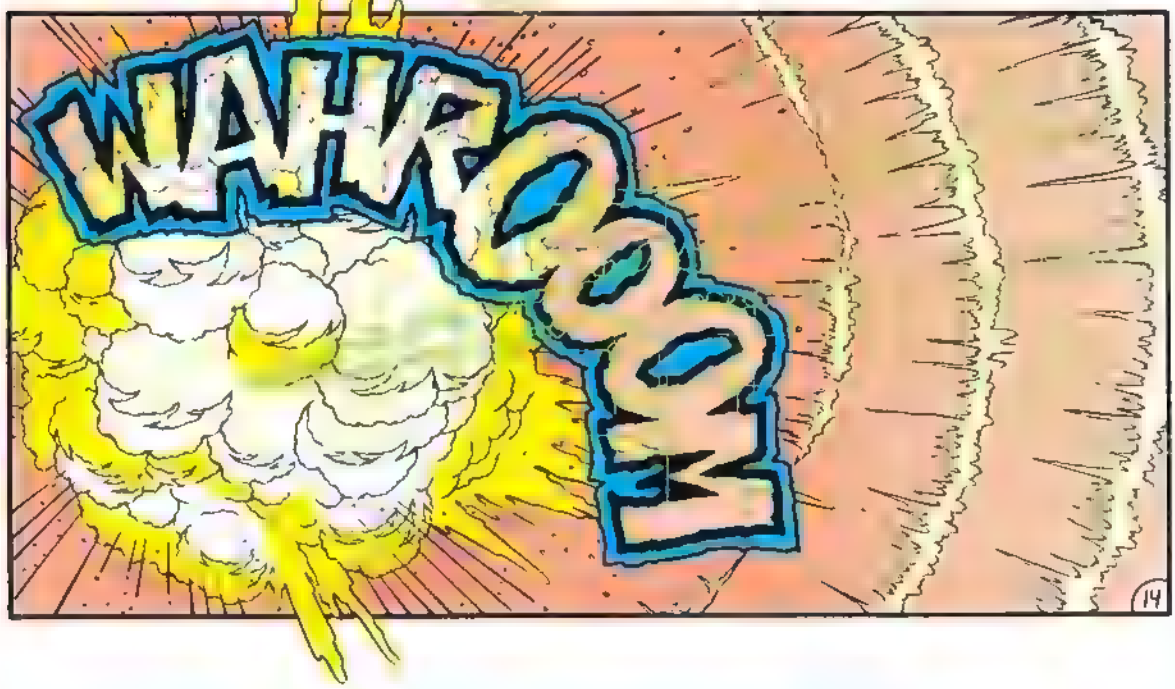
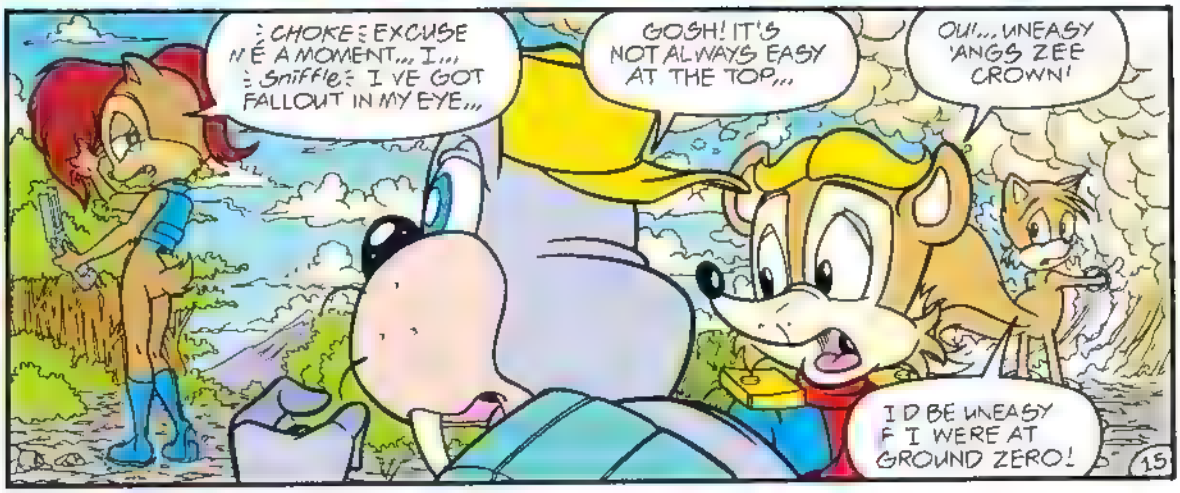
ONE YOU'LL FIND IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST!
UHHH! I'M BEING MAGNETIZED!


IF I'M GOING DOWN, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!
NO! RELEASE ME, YOU FOOL--
KLANG


WAHROOM!

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG...
MECHA MADNESS
PART 3
...COULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED THAT BLAST... EVEN IN HIS MECHANIZED FORM!
I DOUBT M'SIEU ECHIDNA COULD HAVE, EITHER...
INDEED... THE ODDS ARE AGAINST IT.
THEN SONIC... (SOB)...AND KNUCKLES ...(HUCK)


(CHOKE) EXCUSE M'É A MOMENT... I... (Sniffle) I VE GOT FALLOUT IN MY EYE...
GOSH! IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY AT THE TOP...
OU!... UNEASY 'ANGS ZEE CROWN!
I D BE UNEASY F I WERE AT GROUND ZERO!

AT THAT MOMENT, GROUND ZERO SMOULDERS. A MASSIVE CRATER IN THE MIDSECTION OF PLATOPOLIS SIZZLES WITH RADIATION.

SWATBOTS WERE VAPORIZED, FACTORIES AND TOXIC TRASH REDUCED TO MOLTEN SLAG. THE AIR IS FILLED WITH POISONS.

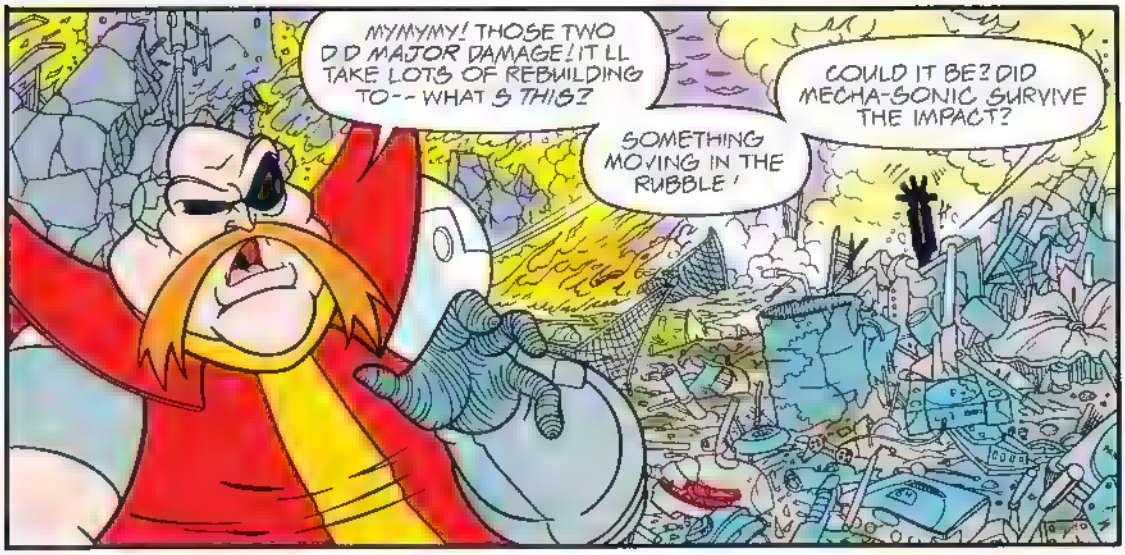
THE EERIE SILENCE IS SUDDENLY BROKEN.

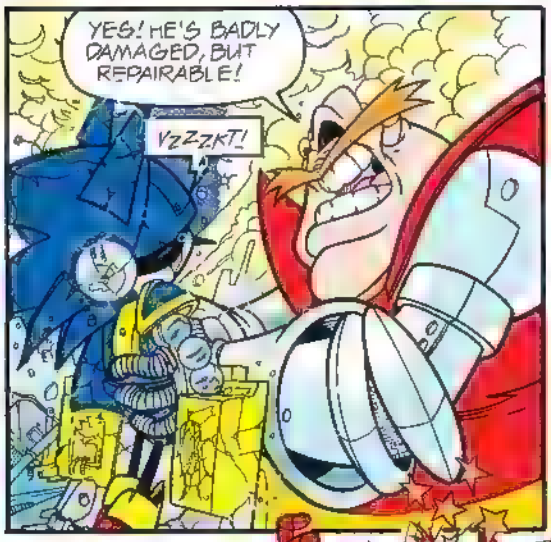
CREEEEAK

K-K-KRUMF

GADZOOKS! THAT'S THE BIGGEST BACKFIRE OF MY ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER!

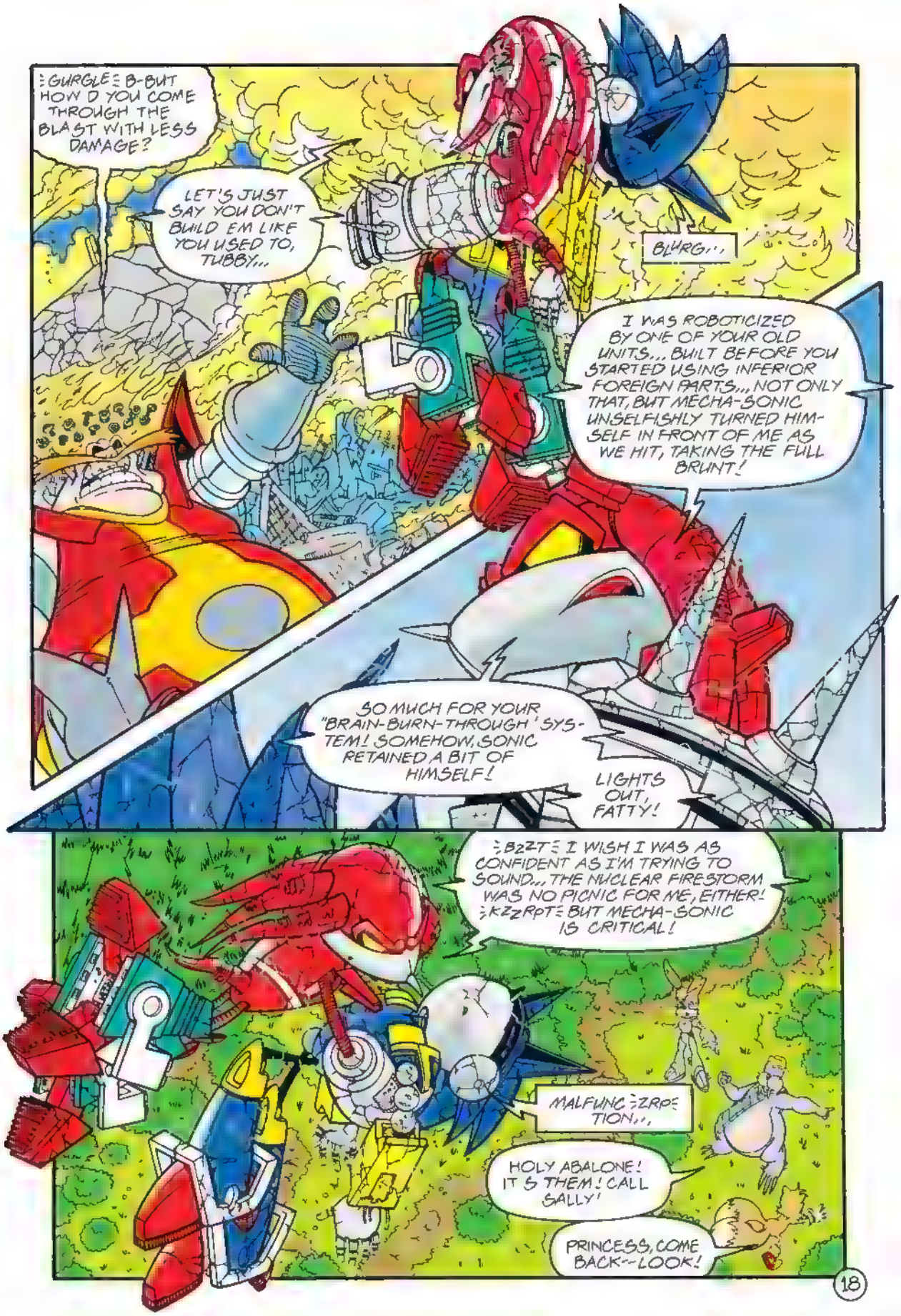
LUCKY I SAW THE INCOMING COMBATANTS AND RETREATED TO MY SHELTER!


MYMYMY! THOSE TWO D D MAJOR DAMAGE! IT LL TAKE LOTS OF REBUILDING TO-- WHAT S THIS?
SOMETHING MOVING IN THE RUBBLE!
COULD IT BE? DID MECHA-SONIC SURVIVE THE IMPACT?


YES! HE'S BADLY DAMAGED, BUT REPAIRABLE!
VZZZKT!

chuckle: CAN I BUILD A 'BOT OR WHAT?!
AWKK...
GUESS WHAT?
TAP TAP

WHOOOG!
BONG
I SURVIVED THE BATTLE, TOO! THEN IT OCCURRED TO ME--OUR FIGHT SCENE DIDN'T HAVE THE REQUIRED HEAD-BUTT!


GURGLE B-BUT HOW D YOU COME THROUGH THE BLAST WITH LESS DAMAGE?
LET'S JUST SAY YOU DON'T BUILD EM LIKE YOU USED TO, TUBBY...
BLURG...
I WAS ROBOTICIZED BY ONE OF YOUR OLD UNITS... BUILT BEFORE YOU STARTED USING INFERIOR FOREIGN PARTS... NOT ONLY THAT, BUT MECHA-SONIC UNSELFISHLY TURNED HIMSELF IN FRONT OF ME AS WE HIT, TAKING THE FULL BRUNT!
SO MUCH FOR YOUR "BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" SYSTEM! SOMEHOW, SONIC RETAINED A BIT OF HIMSELF!
LIGHTS OUT, FATTY!
BZZT I WISH I WAS AS CONFIDENT AS I'M TRYING TO SOUND... THE NUCLEAR FIRESTORM WAS NO PICNIC FOR ME, EITHER! KZZRPT BUT MECHA-SONIC IS CRITICAL!
MALFUNC ZRP TION...
HOLY ABALONE! IT S THEM! CALL SALLY!
PRINCESS, COME BACK--LOOK!

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG...
MECHA MADNESS
...IS ALIVE? OR AT LEAST MECHA-SONIC IS? OH, KNUCKLES, YOU DID IT!
MAYBE, SAL OLD GAL... YOUR BOYFRIEND'S IN BAD SHAPE!
I'LL SAY!
HMF!
BZZZZZZT! CLICK!
PSSH
C'MERE, YOU GREAT BIG HUNK OF ECHIDNA...
OOF! EASY KID... I'M DAMAGED GOODS, TOO!
CLIK
CONFIRMED... MECHA-KNUCKLES' TOLERANCE LEVELS BEYOND MAXIMUM. DANGER OF BURNOUT.
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WOO-HA! I'M HEARING VOICES...
THAT'S MY COMPUTER, NICOLE ...AND SHE'S RIGHT ABOUT YOU!
TAILS! ESCORT MECHA-KNUCKLES TO THE PORT-O-BOT AND SET IT TO DEROBOTICIZATION!
AND WHAT OF SONIC?
RIGHT... C'MON, RED!
YOU KNOW HOW THAT OLD ROBOTICIZER WORKS... ITS BUILT-IN REVERSAL SYSTEM CAN ONLY DE-BOT THE SAME CREATURE IT MECHANIZED!
YES...BUT THE REAL SONIC IS IN HERE... I CAN FEEL IT!
BZZT-- GRRGL--!! N-NOO-
:WWHEEP: I DO NOT DE :HMM: DESERVE TO LIVE... :CRACKLE: I BETRAYED MY FRIENDS AND :DZZT: LOVED ONES...
:GULP: SONIC! YOU ARE IN THERE!
HERE, ROTOR--TAKE NICOLE AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO SAVE SONIC! THAT'S WHY YOU GET SCIENCE OFFICER PAY!
I'LL BE OVER HERE!
ALMOST READY, SALLY!
IT'S YOU AND ME, BIG BOY!
OH, MY ACHIN' EVERYTHING!
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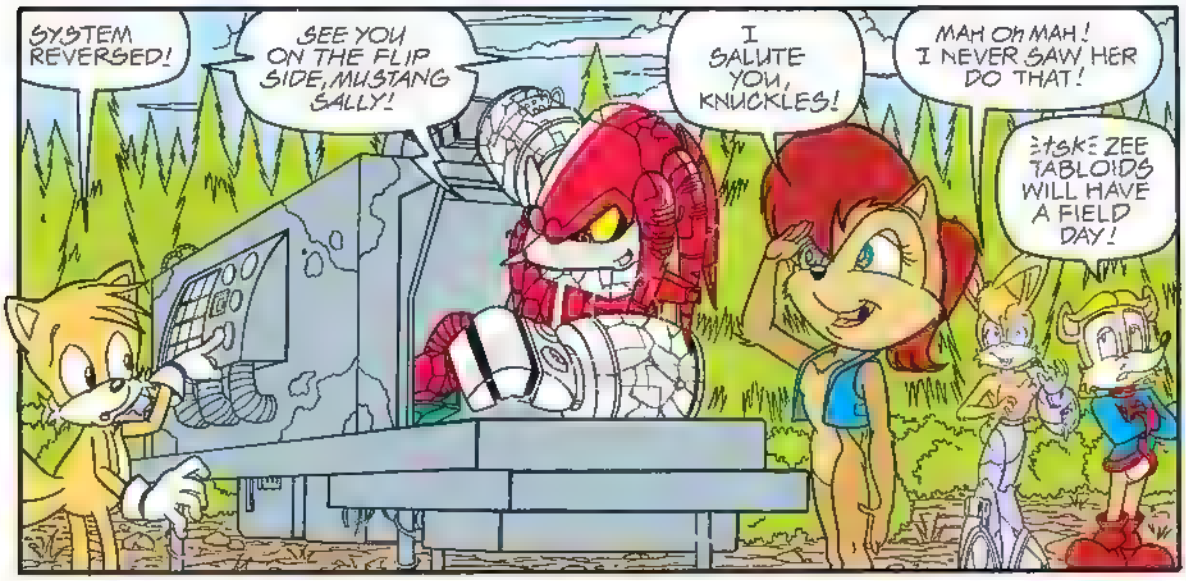
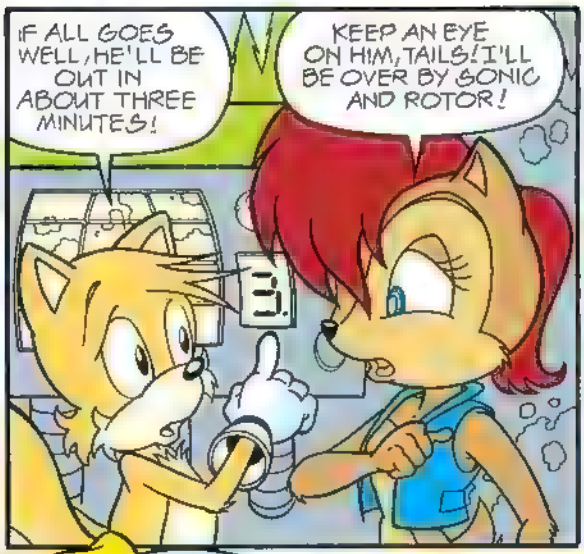
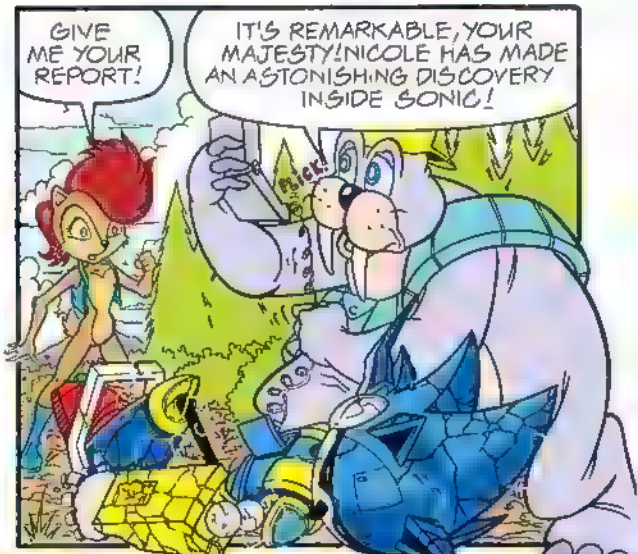
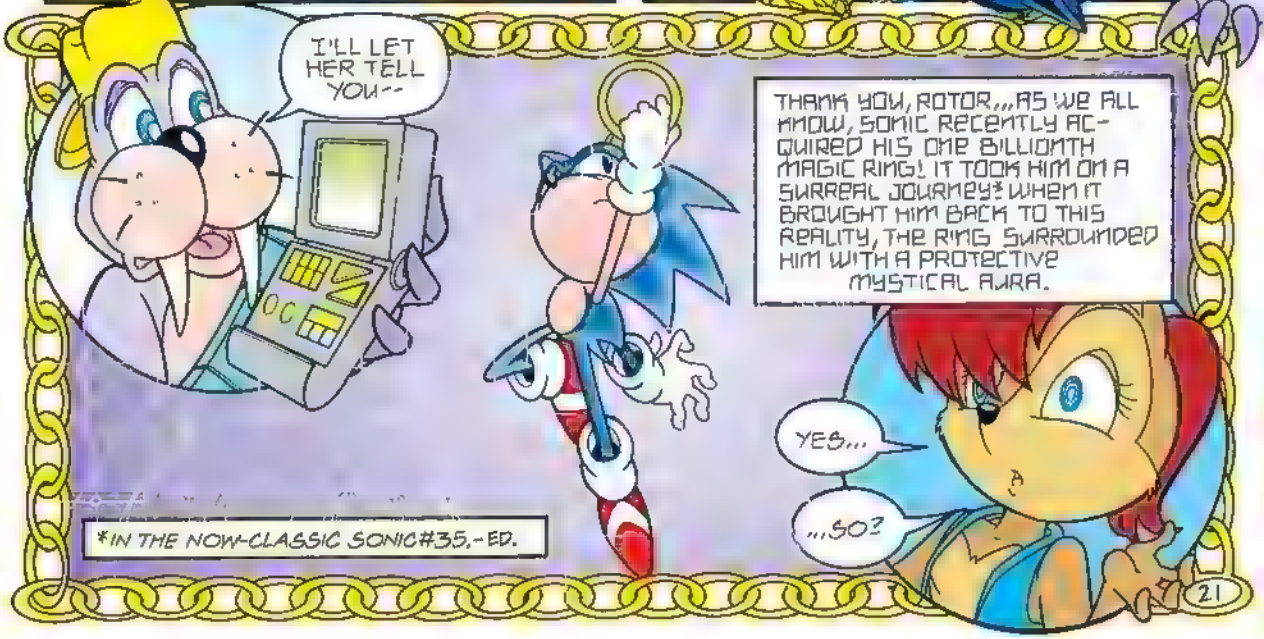
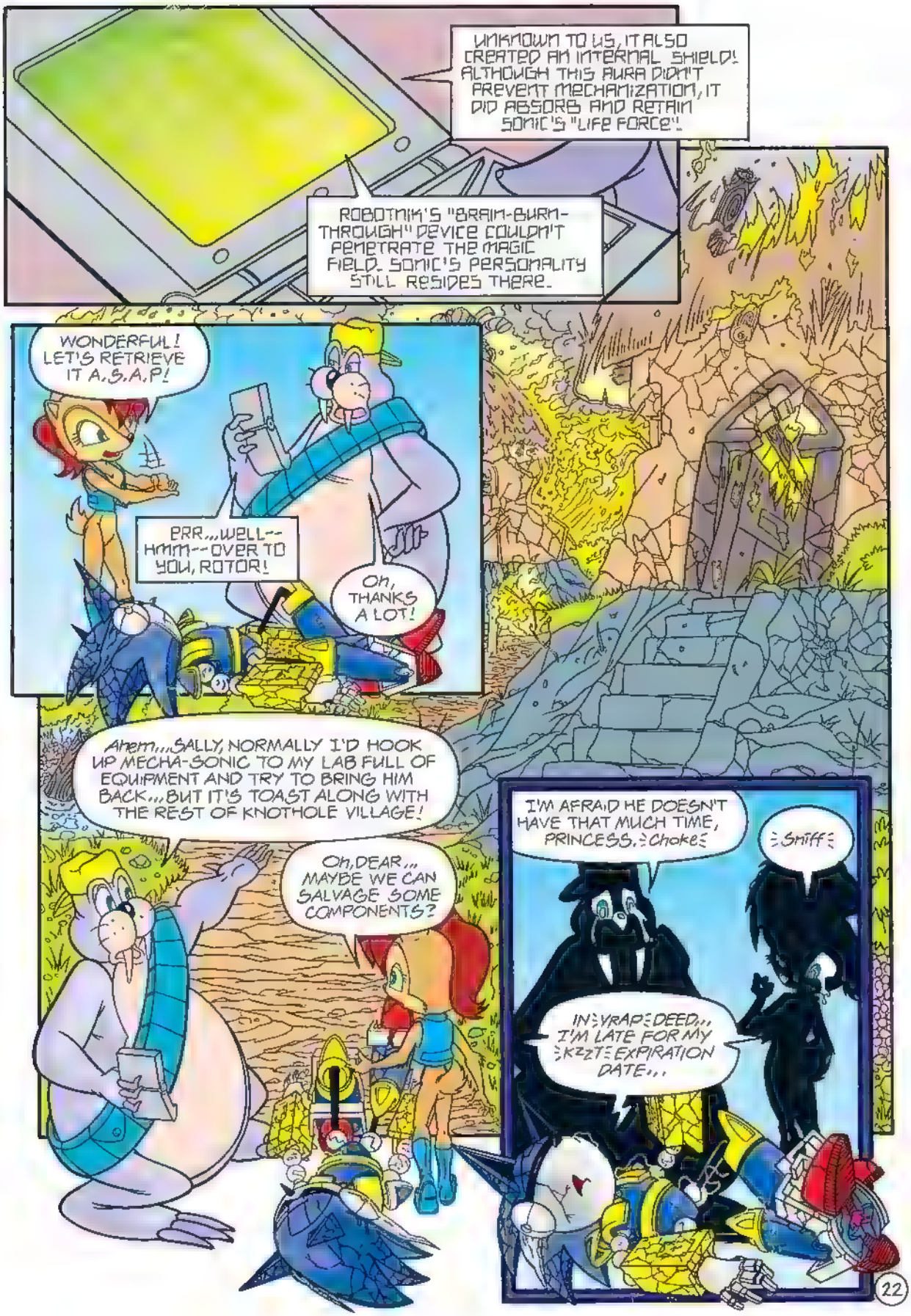

SYSTEM REVERSED!
SEE YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE, MUSTANG SALLY!
I SALUTE YOU, KNUCKLES!
MAH OH MAH! I NEVER SAW HER DO THAT!
ZEE TABLOIDS WILL HAVE A FIELD DAY!

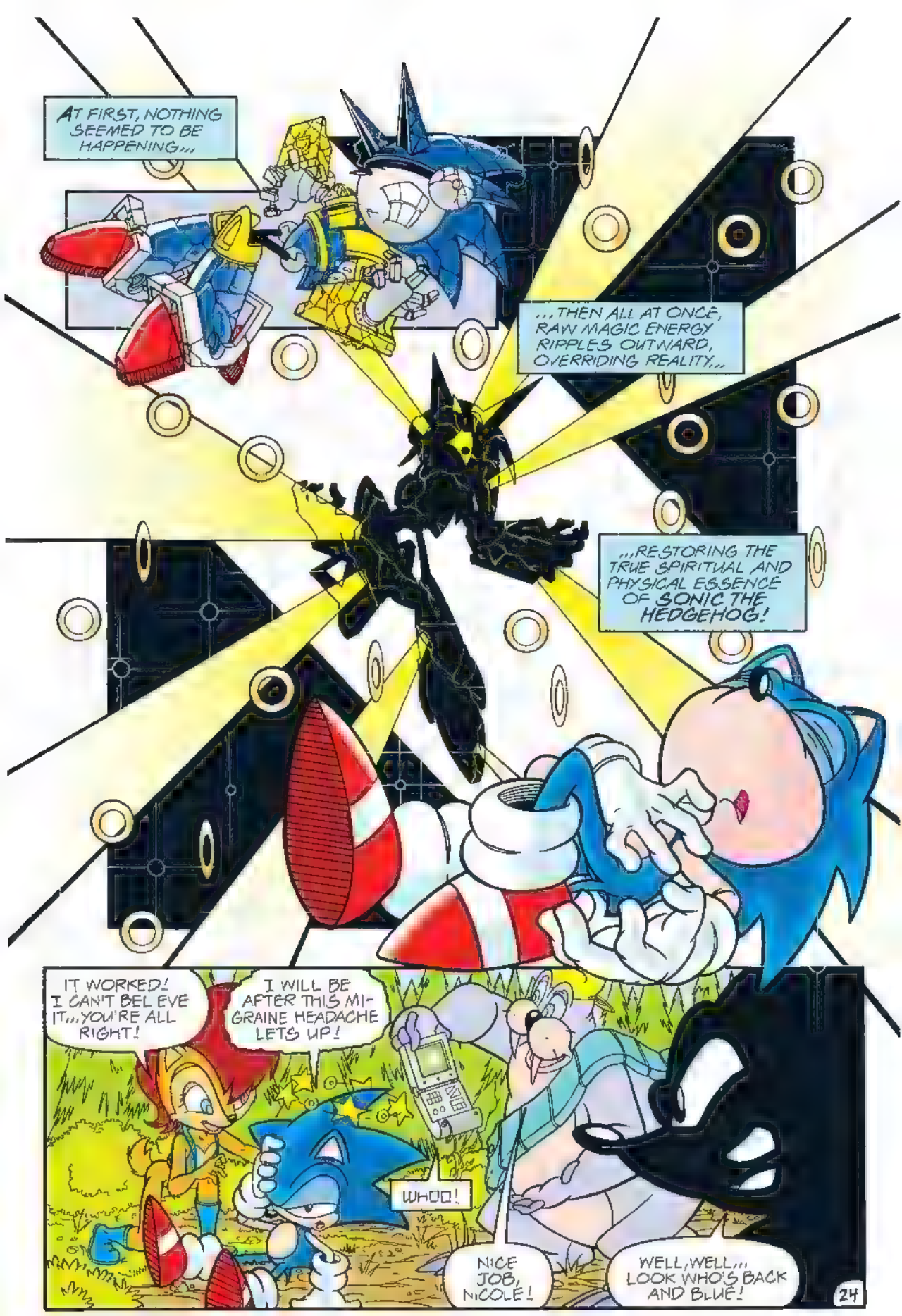

IF ALL GOES WELL, HE'LL BE OUT IN ABOUT THREE MINUTES!
KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, TAILS! I'LL BE OVER BY SONIC AND ROTOR!


GIVE ME YOUR REPORT!
IT'S REMARKABLE, YOUR MAJESTY! NICOLE HAS MADE AN ASTONISHING DISCOVERY INSIDE SONIC!
PICK!


I'LL LET HER TELL YOU--
THANK YOU, ROTOR... AS WE ALL KNOW, SONIC RECENTLY ACQUIRED HIS ONE BILLIONTH MAGIC RING! IT TOOK HIM ON A SURREAL JOURNEY* WHEN IT BROUGHT HIM BACK TO THIS REALITY, THE RING SURROUNDED HIM WITH A PROTECTIVE MYSTICAL AURA.
YES...
...SO?
*IN THE NOW-CLASSIC SONIC #35.-ED.


UNKNOWN TO US, IT ALSO CREATED AN INTERNAL SHIELD! ALTHOUGH THIS AURA DIDN'T PREVENT MECHANIZATION, IT DID ABSORB AND RETAIN SONIC'S "LIFE FORCE".
ROBOTNIK'S "BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" DEVICE COULDN'T PENETRATE THE MAGIC FIELD. SONIC'S PERSONALITY STILL RESIDES THERE.
WONDERFUL! LET'S RETRIEVE IT A.S.A.P!
ERR...WELL--HMM--OVER TO YOU, ROTOR!
OH, THANKS A LOT!
Ahem...SALLY, NORMALLY I'D HOOK UP MECHA-SONIC TO MY LAB FULL OF EQUIPMENT AND TRY TO BRING HIM BACK...BUT IT'S TOAST ALONG WITH THE REST OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!
OH, DEAR... MAYBE WE CAN SALVAGE SOME COMPONENTS?
I'M AFRAID HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME, PRINCESS. ⁝Choke⁝
⁝Sniff⁝
IN ⁝YRAP⁝ DEED... I'M LATE FOR MY ⁝KZZT⁝ EXPIRATION DATE...

YOUR HIGHNESS, I HAVE THE DATA... PLUG ME INTO MECHA-SONIC AND I'LL TRY TO INSTIGATE THE RETRO-PROCEDURE!
CAN SHE DO THAT, ROTOR?
I DOUBT IT, SALLY... THE REQUIRED ENERGY WOULD--
HEY!
OW!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, PRINCESS... CATCH ME!
NICOLE?
LOOK--MACHINES ARE ALWAYS GETTING A BAD RAP AROUND HERE... LET ME TRY! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
Hmm--
VERY WELL, MY LOYAL COMPUTER IT'S UP TO YOU-- GO FOR IT!
KVMMM
ACKNOWLEDGED!
INTERNAL RING CRUST ACCESSED... SYSTEM LINKAGE ALIGNED... OUTPUT TO MAXIMUM--
ENGAGE!


AT FIRST, NOTHING SEEMED TO BE HAPPENING...
...THEN ALL AT ONCE, RAW MAGIC ENERGY RIPPLES OUTWARD, OVERRIDING REALITY...
...RESTORING THE TRUE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL ESSENCE OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
IT WORKED! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
I WILL BE AFTER THIS MIGRAINE HEADACHE LETS UP!
WHOO!
NICE JOB, NICOLE!
WELL, WELL... LOOK WHO'S BACK AND BLUE!
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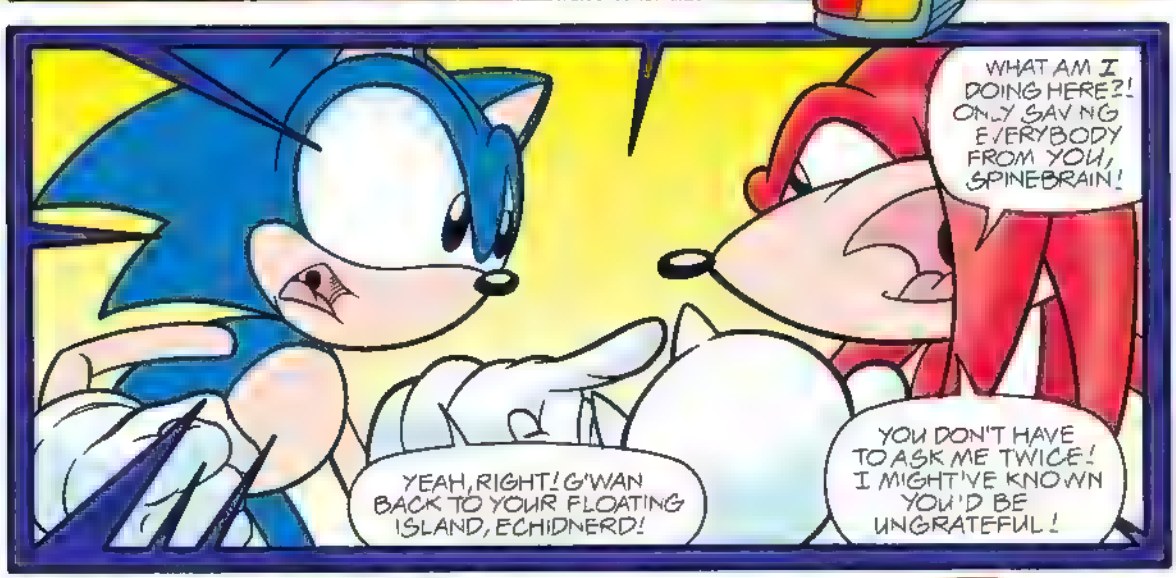
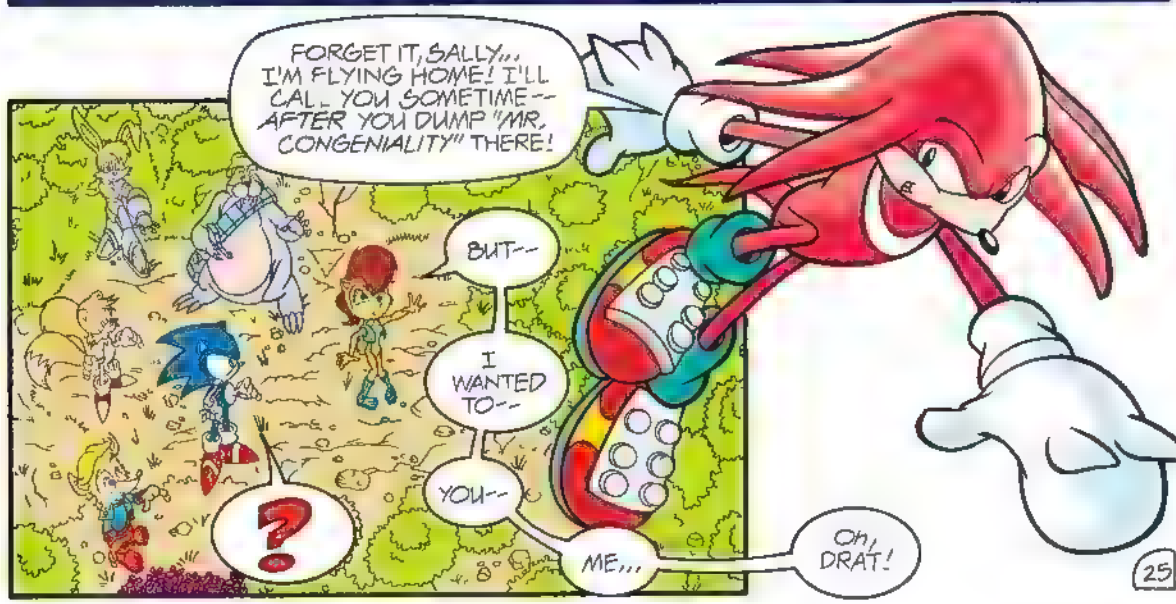
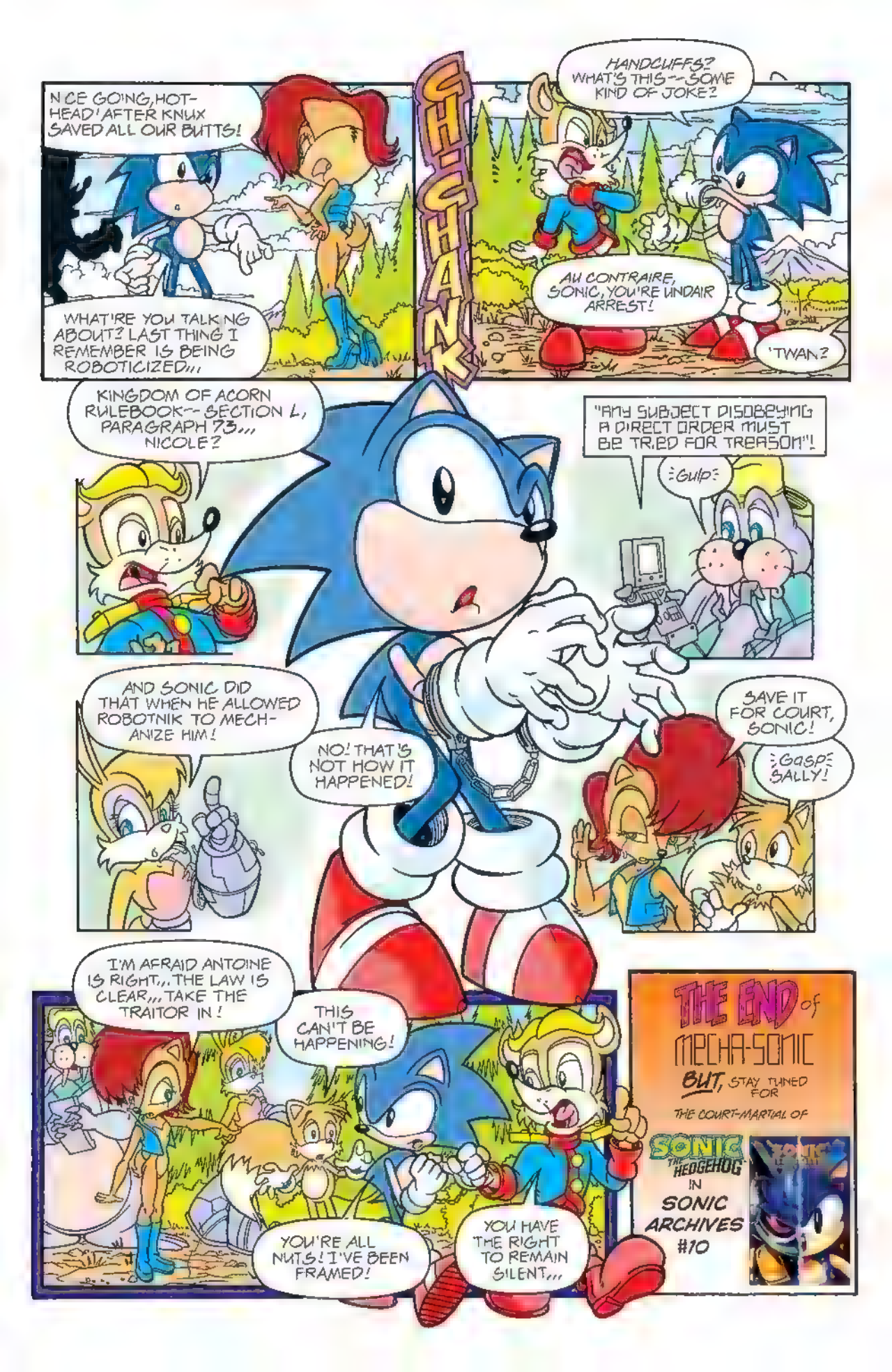
THAT'S RIGHT--IT'S ME, KNUCKLES! GOOD AS NEW! ...Oh, DON'T GET UP!
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
Ha! A LIKELY STORY!


WHAT AM I DOING HERE?! ONLY SAVING EVERYBODY FROM YOU, SPINEBRAIN!
YEAH, RIGHT! G'WAN BACK TO YOUR FLOATING ISLAND, ECHIDNERD!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME TWICE! I MIGHT'VE KNOWN YOU'D BE UNGRATEFUL!


FORGET IT, SALLY... I'M FLYING HOME! I'LL CALL YOU SOMETIME-- AFTER YOU DUMP "MR. CONGENIALITY" THERE!
BUT--
I WANTED TO--
YOU--
ME...
?
Oh, DRAT!


NICE GOING, HOT-HEAD! AFTER KNUX SAVED ALL OUR BUTTS!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? LAST THING I REMEMBER IS BEING ROBOTICIZED...
CHI-CHANK
HANDCUFFS? WHAT'S THIS--SOME KIND OF JOKE?
AU CONTRAIRE, SONIC, YOU'RE UNDAIR ARREST!
'TWAN?
KINGDOM OF ACORN RULEBOOK-- SECTION L, PARAGRAPH 73... NICOLE?
"ANY SUBJECT DISOBEYING A DIRECT ORDER MUST BE TRIED FOR TREASON"!
:GULP:
AND SONIC DID THAT WHEN HE ALLOWED ROBOTNIK TO MECH-ANIZE HIM!
NO! THAT'S NOT HOW IT HAPPENED!
SAVE IT FOR COURT, SONIC!
:GASP: SALLY!
I'M AFRAID ANTOINE IS RIGHT... THE LAW IS CLEAR... TAKE THE TRAITOR IN!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
YOU'RE ALL NUTS! I'VE BEEN FRAMED!
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT...
THE END of MECHA-SONIC
BUT, STAY TUNED FOR
THE COURT-MARTIAL OF
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN
SONIC ARCHIVES #10

-Story Mode-

Select A Story

PATRICK SPAZIANTE

I started working at Archie in the winter of 1993. As simple as this sounds I answered an ad in the paper, and the rest is history.

Some of my favorite moments dealing with Sonic in the early years revolved around the small steps we were taking to move the book to a more action-oriented Comic. I never minded the comical overtones of the original stories, but being a fan of the games, I had felt that the book would benefit from a more adventurous take. Once we were able to create titles that were loosely based on the video game heritage, Sonic 25, for example, I remember being super excited at the future prospects of VG translations, and a book that could be more representative of a nice amalgam of the SatAM cartoons, and the Sega Games.

Books like the Super Specials and Knuckles Issues were great to be there for as well, considering that many people within the industry had already preconceived opinions that Sonic, being a licensed property, would only last for a limited run – without much growth potential. Seeing the book get specialty issues and spin-offs was a great boost to the collective talents that had various contributions to the book.

The "End Game" conclusion you're about to read was the first Sonic project that I had worked on where everybody (at the time) from the pool of Sonic Talent had gotten to contribute part of the story to shape the book; it was a really unique gig.

In my years prior to that, I really hadn't worked on a project with such a collaborative effort as that particular series.

It was a really great time to work on Sonic.

Patrick "Spaz" Spaziante

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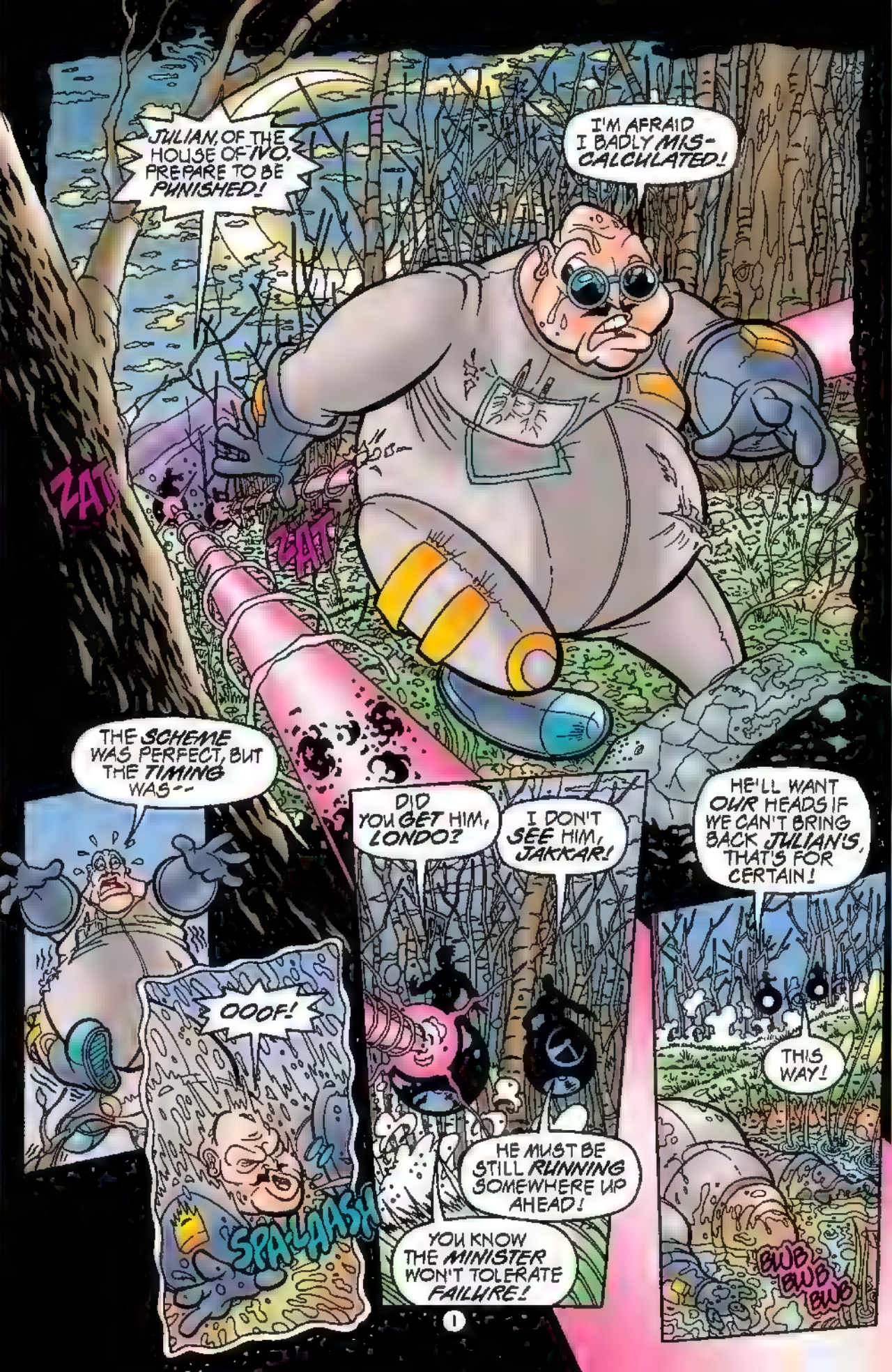
In the year **3285**, the ambitions of one being have affected the lives of **Sonic The Hedgehog**, his friends and all who dwell upon the planet **Mobius**.
Up until now, the battle had been fought by a code of honor adhered to by the many, despite the treachery of the one.

But that was then. This is now.

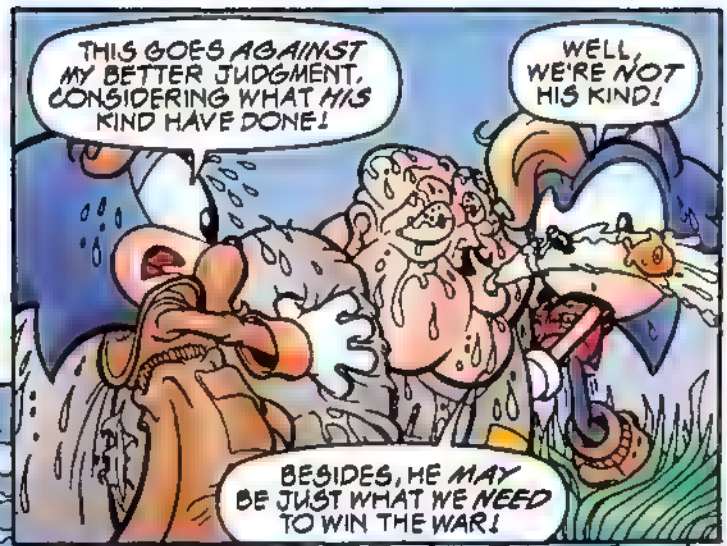
Having lost his beloved by means most foul and framed for her apparent murder, Sonic now finds himself fighting for redemption against friend and foe alike, attempting to prove his innocence and ferret out the real villains in the process.

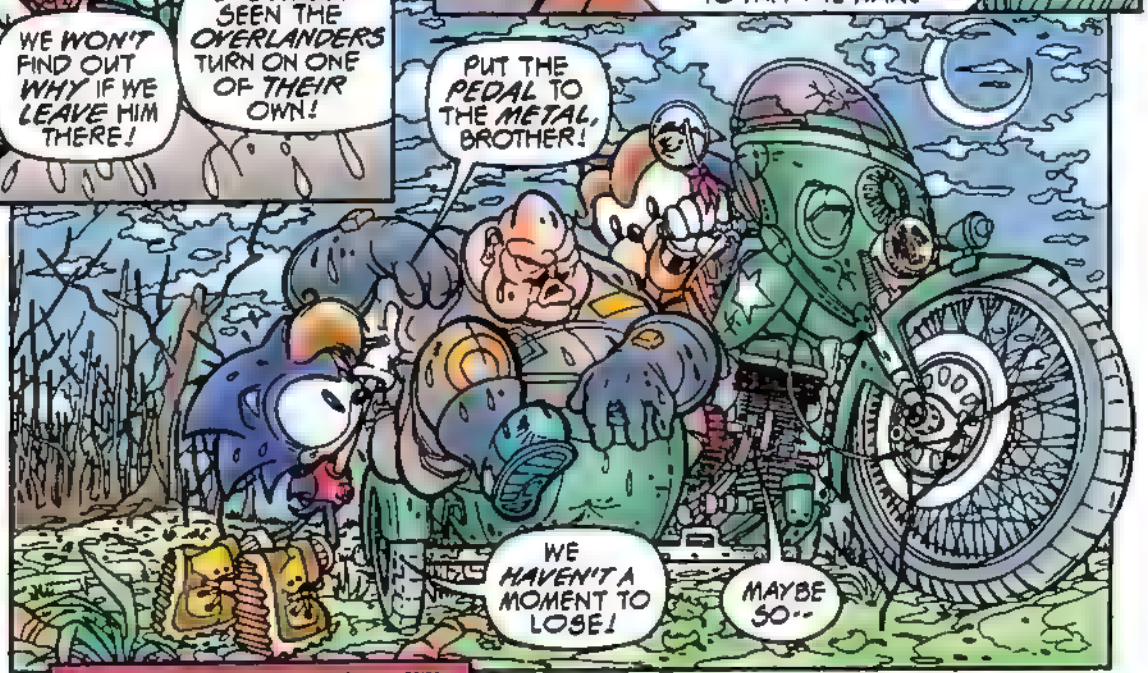
After surviving a crash landing on his way to the **Devil's Gulag**, a relentless pursuit by **Geoffrey St. John** and his crack troops, eventually making his way to **The Floating Island** with the assistance of the gentle dragon **Duley**.
Sonic has come seeking the help of its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna**.

Now, as the players assemble for the final act, they will all discover there is nothing more dangerous than **a hedgehog with a cause...**

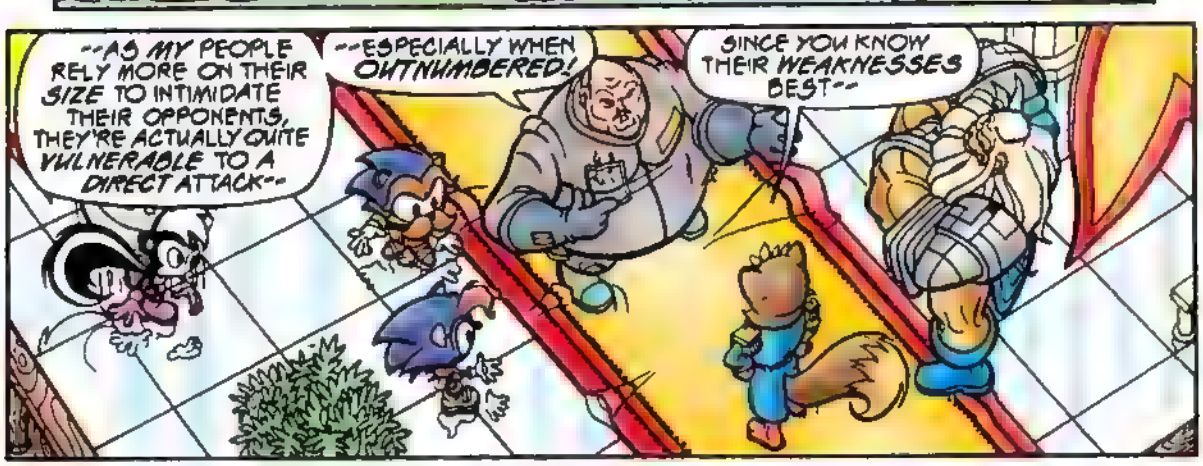

JULIAN, OF THE HOUSE OF IVO, PREPARE TO BE PUNISHED!
I'M AFRAID I BADLY MIS-CALCULATED!
ZAT
ZAT
THE SCHEME WAS PERFECT, BUT THE TIMING WAS--
OOOF!
SPA-LAASH
DID YOU GET HIM, LONDO?
I DON'T SEE HIM, JAKKAR!
HE MUST BE STILL RUNNING SOMEWHERE UP AHEAD!
YOU KNOW THE MINISTER WON'T TOLERATE FAILURE!
HE'LL WANT OUR HEADS IF WE CAN'T BRING BACK JULIAN'S, THAT'S FOR CERTAIN!
THIS WAY!
BUB BUB BUB

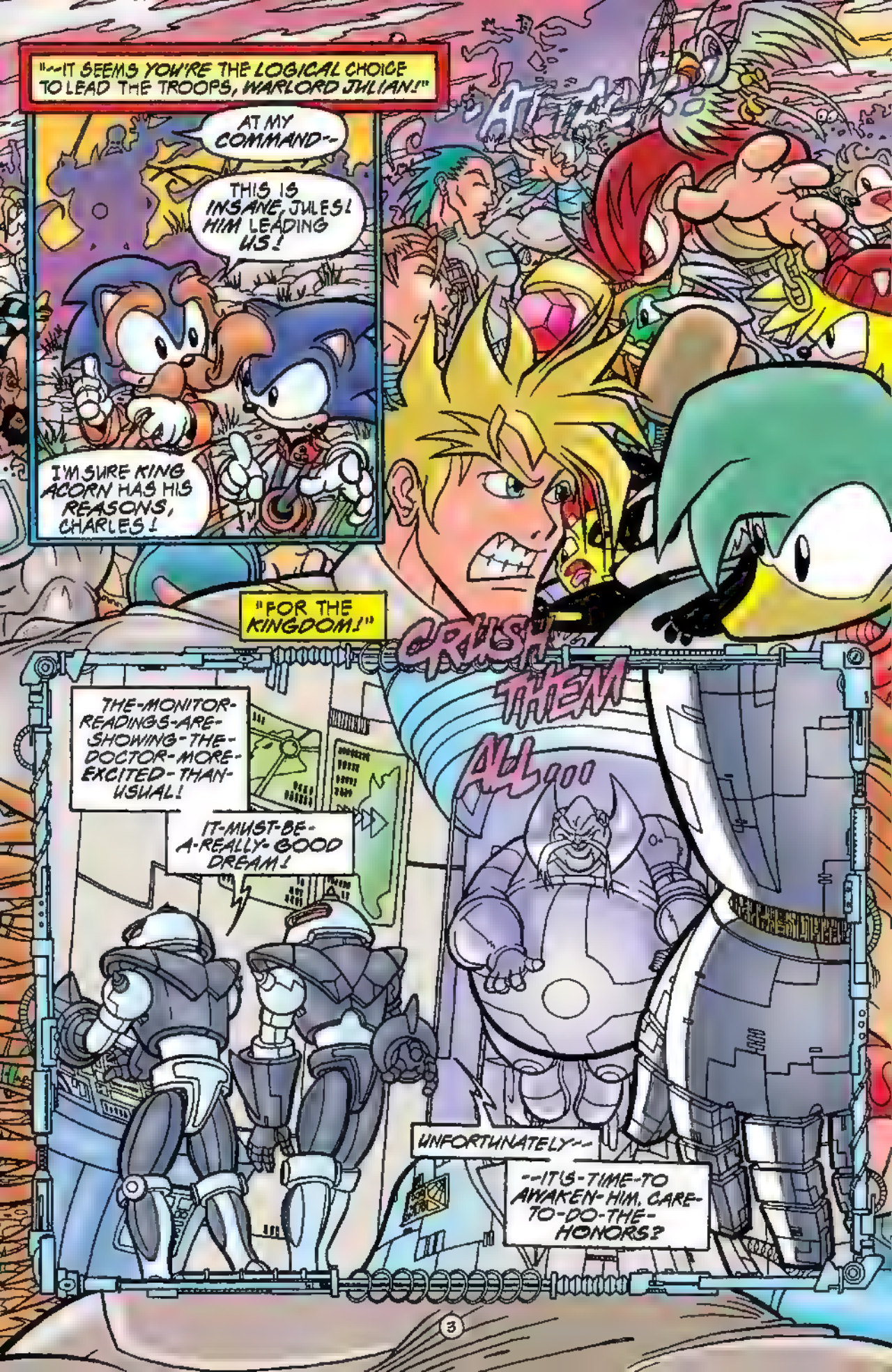
WHAT DO YOU THINK, CHARLES?
VERY INTERESTING, JULES!
WE WON'T FIND OUT WHY IF WE LEAVE HIM THERE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THE OVERLANDERS TURN ON ONE OF THEIR OWN!


THIS GOES AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT, CONSIDERING WHAT HIS KIND HAVE DONE!
WELL, WE'RE NOT HIS KIND!
BESIDES, HE MAY BE JUST WHAT WE NEED TO WIN THE WAR!


PUT THE PEDAL TO THE METAL, BROTHER!
WE HAVEN'T A MOMENT TO LOSE!
MAYBE SO--

"--BUT I CAN'T HELP HAVING A NASTY FEELING ABOUT OUR CARGO!"


--AS MY PEOPLE RELY MORE ON THEIR SIZE TO INTIMIDATE THEIR OPPONENTS, THEY'RE ACTUALLY QUITE VULNERABLE TO A DIRECT ATTACK--
--ESPECIALLY WHEN OUTNUMBERED!
SINCE YOU KNOW THEIR WEAKNESSES BEST--


"--IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE LOGICAL CHOICE TO LEAD THE TROOPS, WARLORD JULIAN!"
AT MY COMMAND--
THIS IS INSANE, JULES! HIM LEADING US!
I'M SURE KING ACORN HAS HIS REASONS, CHARLES!
ATTACK!
"FOR THE KINGDOM!"
CRUSH THEM ALL!!!
THE-MONITOR-READINGS-ARE-SHOWING-THE-DOCTOR-MORE-EXCITED-THAN-USUAL!
IT-MUST-BE-A-REALLY-GOOD DREAM!
UNFORTUNATELY--
--IT'S-TIME-TO AWAKEN-HIM. CARE-TO-DO-THE-HONORS?

Yawwwnn!
SUCH A WONDERFUL DREAM! IT'S ALWAYS A DELIGHT TO REMEMBER LAMENTATIONS OF ONE'S ENEMIES!
WHATEVER IT IS BETTER BE GOOD TO JUSTIFY WAKING ME FROM MY SLUMBER!
WE-HAVE-SECURED-A-TEST-SUBJECT-AS-PER-YOUR-INSTRUCTIONS,-SIR!
WHO IS IT? THE HEDGEHOG, PERHAPS?
AN-OVERLANDER-MALE,-SIR!
AN OVERLANDER, DID YOU SAY?
WEEEEEEE--
--THIS IS WORTH WAKING UP FOR!
IF I'M LUCKY, IT'S SOMEONE I REALLY HATE!
IS EVERYTHING ALL SET FOR BETA-TESTING?
THERE'S-JUST-ENOUGH-ENERGY-FOR-ONE-TEST,-SIR!
EXCELLENT!
AND LOOK OVER THERE:-
--OUR VOLUNTEER!
YOU'RE JUST THE BEGINNING, MY FRIEND!
JULIAN?! ALIVE?!!! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!
WE NEVER EVEN SUSPECTED YOU OF BEING THE DREADED ROBOTNIK!

EVEN THOUGH MY FAME HAS SOMEWHAT PRECEDED ME--
--AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE, THE REPORTS OF MY DEMISE WERE SOMEWHAT EXAGGERATED!
UNHAPPILY FOR YOU--
--I INTEND TO PROVE THERE IS WORSE THAN DEATH!
WAIT!!! CAN'T WE TALK THIS OVER?!!!
PHHRAAAZZZT!
WHILE I ENJOY WATCHING SOMEONE GROVEL AND BEG--
--I'M AFRAID OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OUTWEIGH PERSONAL PLEASURES!
NOOOOOOO
EUREKA! I'VE DONE IT AGAIN!
ANOTHER RESOUNDING TRIUMPH ON MY PART!
ONCE THE SHIPMENT FROM DOWNLINDA ARRIVES, WE'LL BE ABLE TO UNLEASH MY MOST DEVASTATING WEAPON YET, AND THEN--
--MOBIUS WILL BE MINE!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, UNCLE!
WE'LL SEE WHO HAS THE LAST LAUGH, YET!

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS!

LISTEN UP, *KNUX!* I NEED YOUR HELP TO *CLEAR MY NAME!* I'M BEING *FRAMED!*

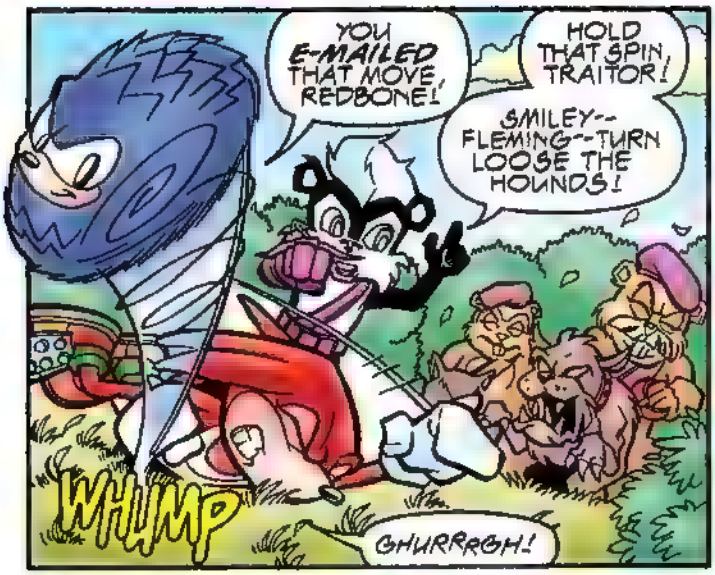
AS *PERSONAL* GUARD TO *KING ACORN* OF MOBIUS, I DEPUTIZE AND COMMAND YOU TO HELP ME BRING PRINCESS SALLY'S ASSASSIN *TO JUSTICE!*

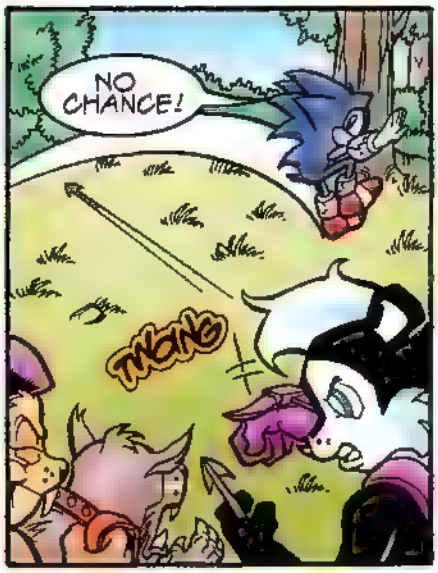
WHAT?! PUH-PRINCESS SALLY-- *DEAD?!*

I TOLD HER YOU WERE *NO GOOD-- ARRRR!*

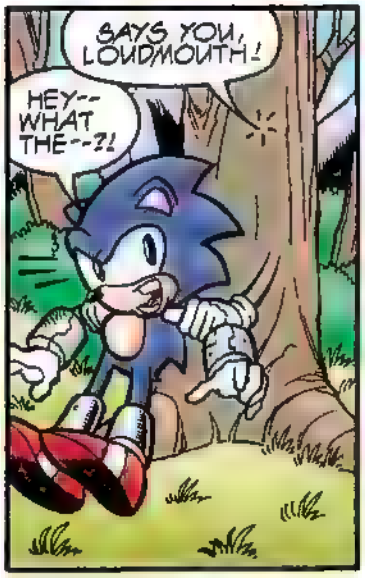
NO! YOU GOTTA BELIEVE ME... *DON'T--*

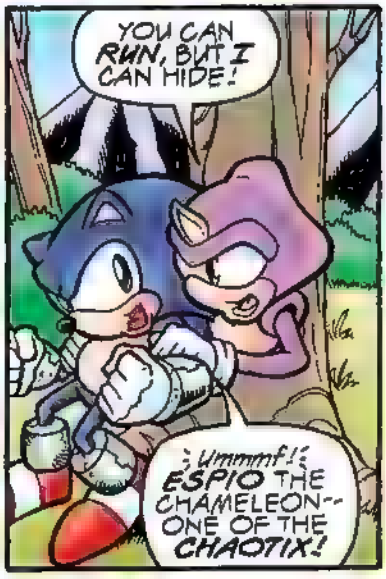
CAN'T GET A CLEAR SHOT AT THE HEDGEHOG...

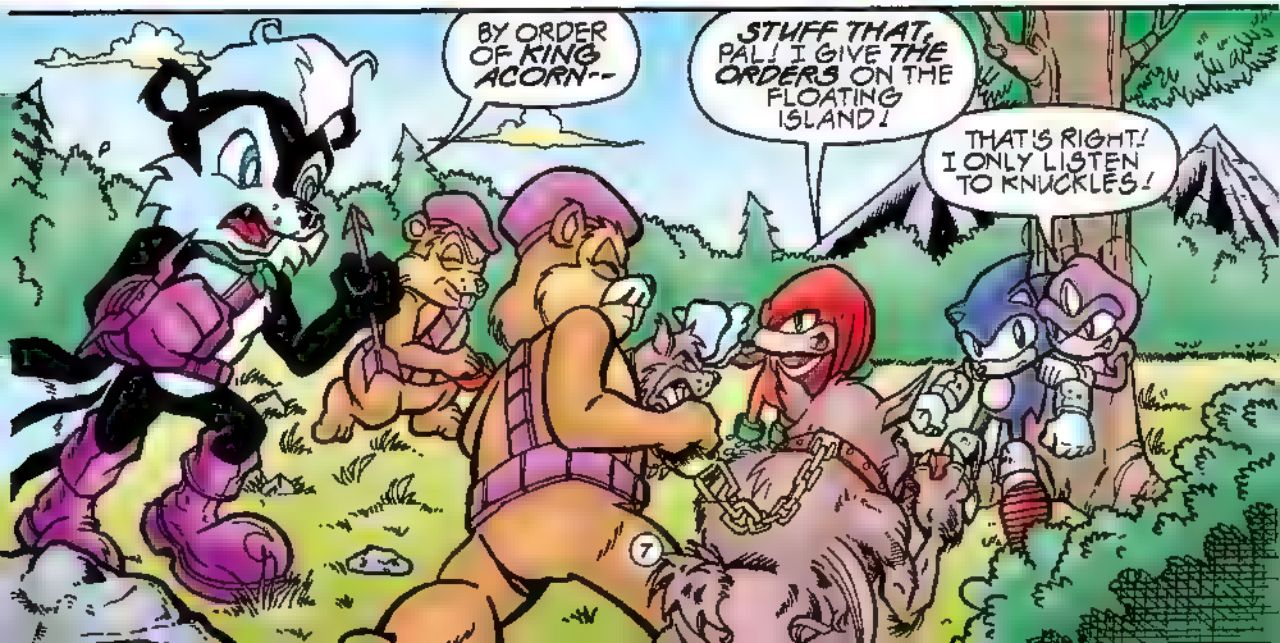

YOU E-MAILED THAT MOVE, REDBONE!
HOLD THAT SPIN, TRAITOR!
SMILEY--FLEMING--TURN LOOSE THE HOUNDS!
WHUMP
GHURRRGH!

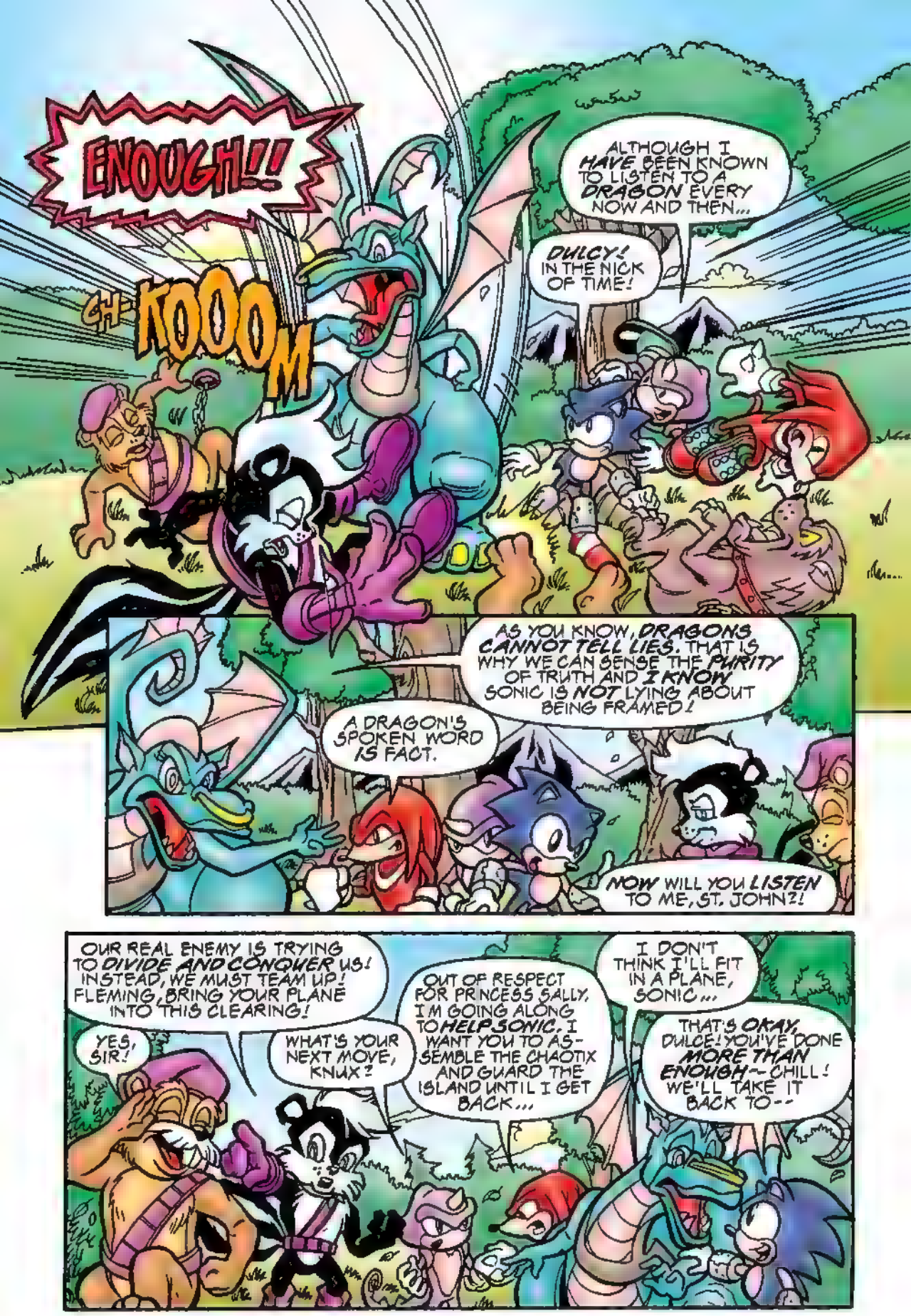

NO CHANCE!
TWANG

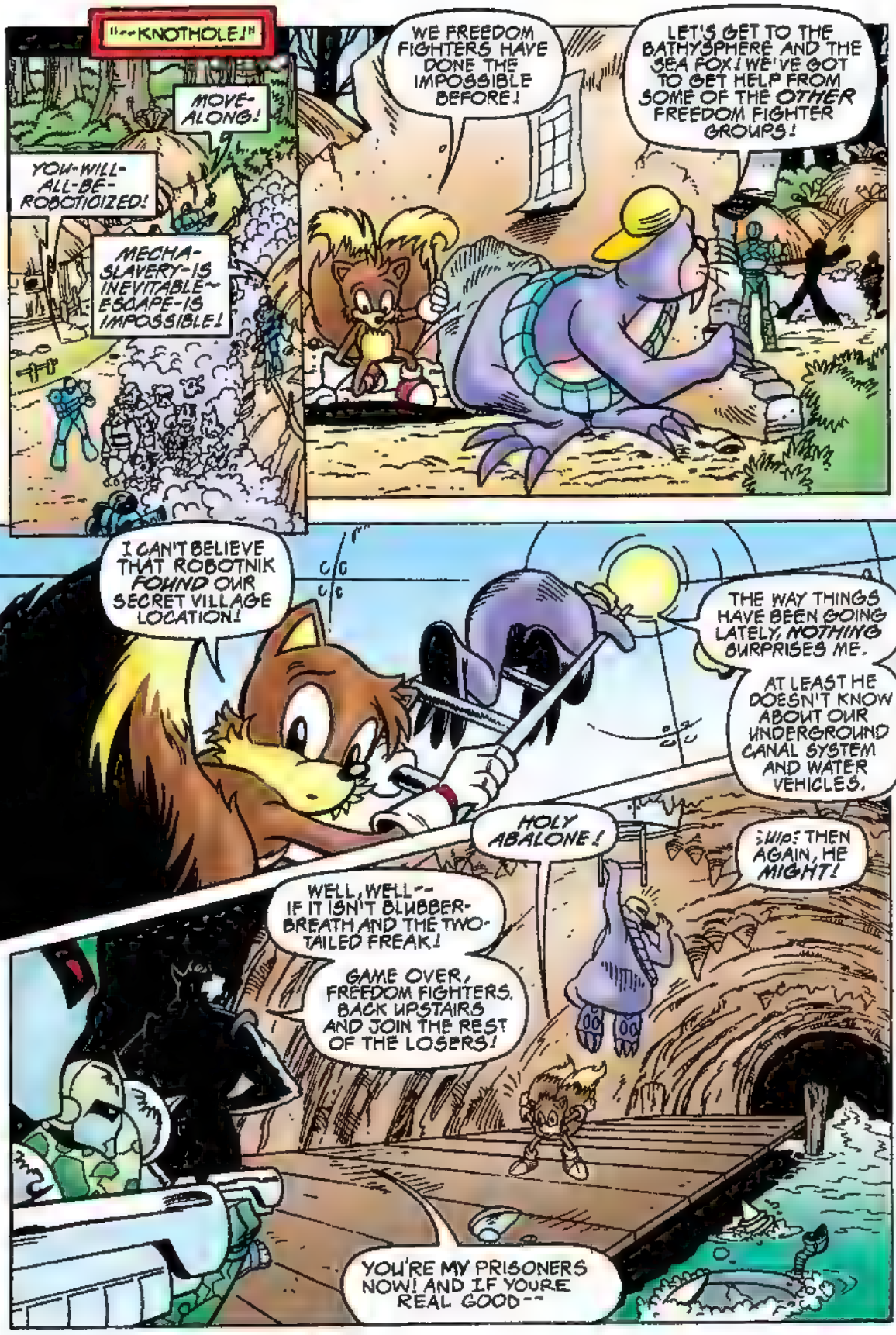
NO MATTER HOW FAST YOU ARE--I'LL ALWAYS BE FASTER!

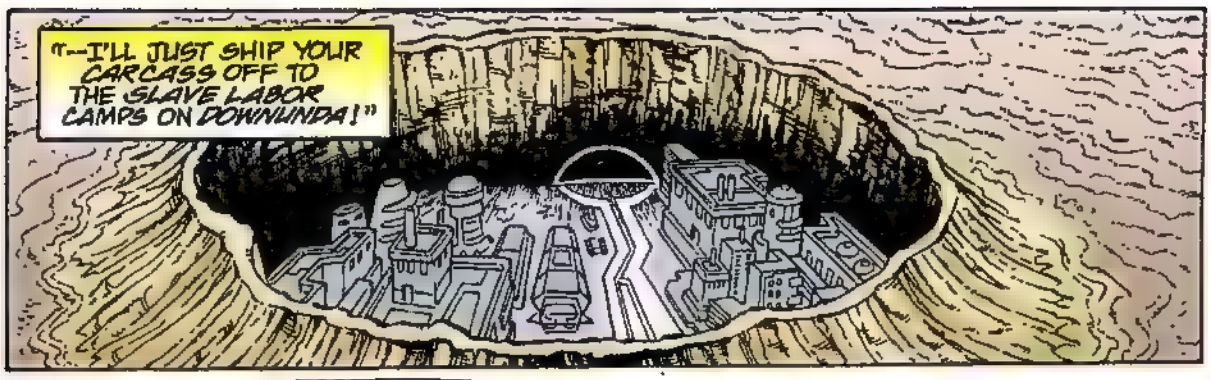

SAYS YOU, LOUDMOUTH!
HEY--WHAT THE--?!

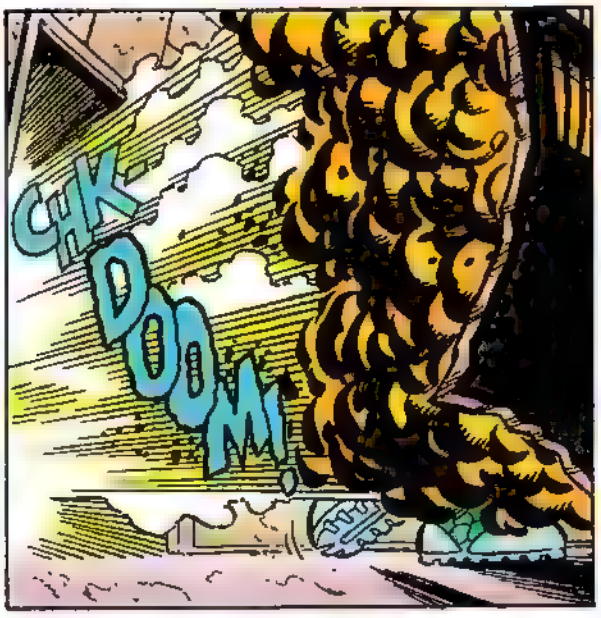

YOU CAN RUN, BUT I CAN HIDE!
Ummmf!
ESPIO THE CHAMELEON--ONE OF THE CHAOTIX!


BY ORDER OF KING ACORN--
STUFF THAT, PAL! I GIVE THE ORDERS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!
THAT'S RIGHT! I ONLY LISTEN TO KNUCKLES!


ENOUGH!!
CH-KOOOM
ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO LISTEN TO A DRAGON EVERY NOW AND THEN...
DULCY! IN THE NICK OF TIME!
AS YOU KNOW, DRAGONS CANNOT TELL LIES. THAT IS WHY WE CAN SENSE THE PURITY OF TRUTH AND I KNOW SONIC IS NOT LYING ABOUT BEING FRAMED!
A DRAGON'S SPOKEN WORD IS FACT.
NOW WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME, ST. JOHN?!
OUR REAL ENEMY IS TRYING TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER US! INSTEAD, WE MUST TEAM UP! FLEMING, BRING YOUR PLANE INTO THIS CLEARING!
YES, SIR!
WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE, KNUX?
OUT OF RESPECT FOR PRINCESS SALLY, I'M GOING ALONG TO HELP SONIC. I WANT YOU TO ASSEMBLE THE CHAOTIX AND GUARD THE ISLAND UNTIL I GET BACK...
I DON'T THINK I'LL FIT IN A PLANE, SONIC...
THAT'S OKAY, DULCE! YOU'VE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH -- CHILL! WE'LL TAKE IT BACK TO--


"--KNOTHOLE!"
MOVE-ALONG!
YOU-WILL-ALL-BE-ROBOTICIZED!
MECHA-SLAVERY-IS INEVITABLE--ESCAPE-IS IMPOSSIBLE!
WE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE DONE THE IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE!
LET'S GET TO THE BATHYSPHERE AND THE SEA FOX! WE'VE GOT TO GET HELP FROM SOME OF THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTER GROUPS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT ROBOTNIK FOUND OUR SECRET VILLAGE LOCATION!
THE WAY THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING LATELY, NOTHING SURPRISES ME.
AT LEAST HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT OUR UNDERGROUND CANAL SYSTEM AND WATER VEHICLES.
HOLY ABALONE!
SWIP: THEN AGAIN, HE MIGHT!
WELL, WELL-- IF IT ISN'T BLUBBER-BREATH AND THE TWO-TAILED FREAK!
GAME OVER, FREEDOM FIGHTERS. BACK UPSTAIRS AND JOIN THE REST OF THE LOSERS!
YOU'RE MY PRISONERS NOW! AND IF YOURE REAL GOOD--





CELL-GUARD-CALLING-CROCBOT-KNOTHOLE-PRISONER'S-COLLAR-HAS-BEEN-DETONATED,-DESTROYING-ALL-FOUR-INMATES.

TOO BAD. I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO TORTURING THEM. I STILL HAVE THE OTHER THREE LEFT!

VERY WELL--REPORT TO THE LOADING DOCK!

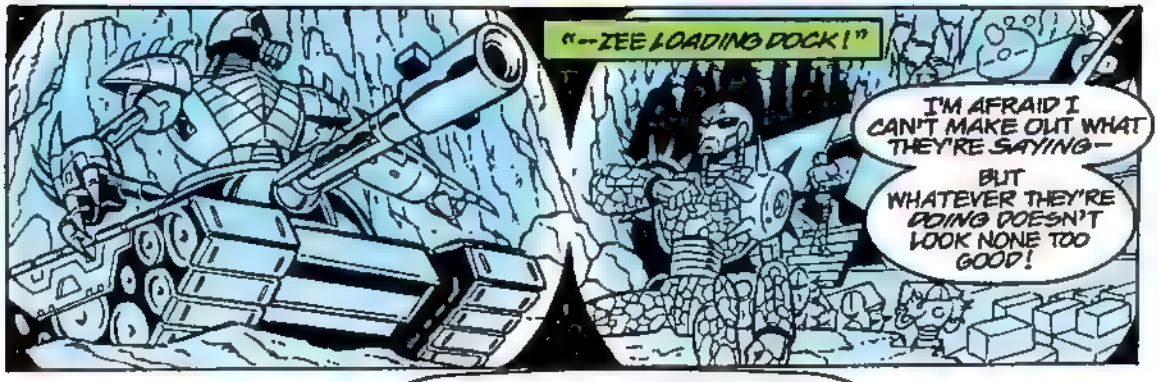
AT-ONCE.

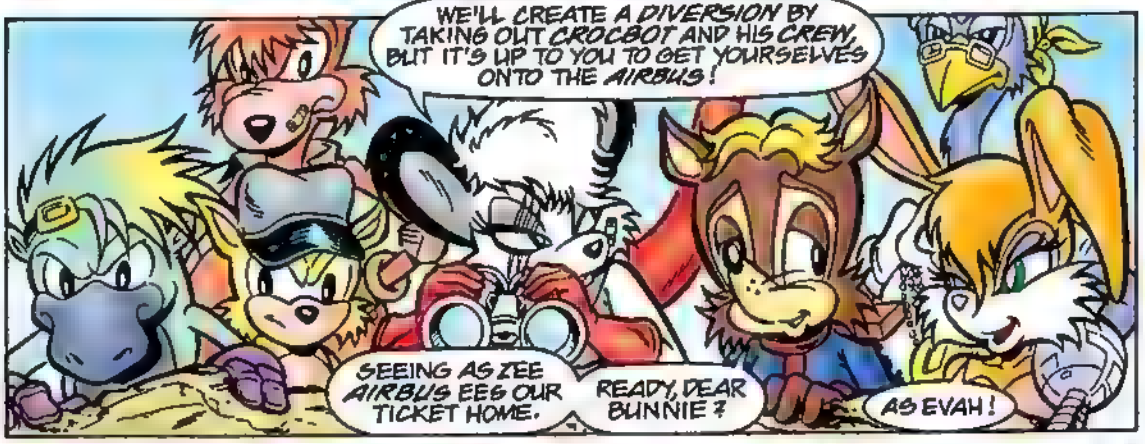
DID YOU HEAR THAT?

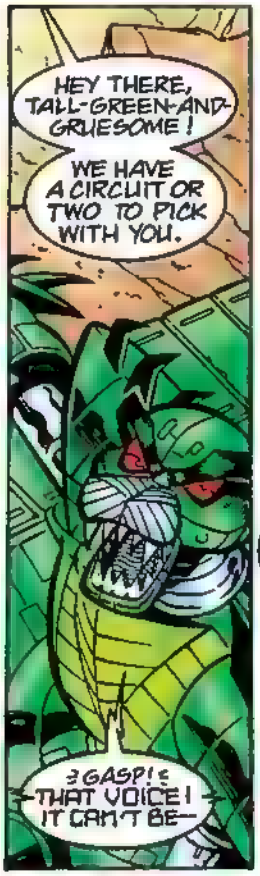
SOUNDS LIKE OUR TEAMMATES ARE STILL ALIVE!

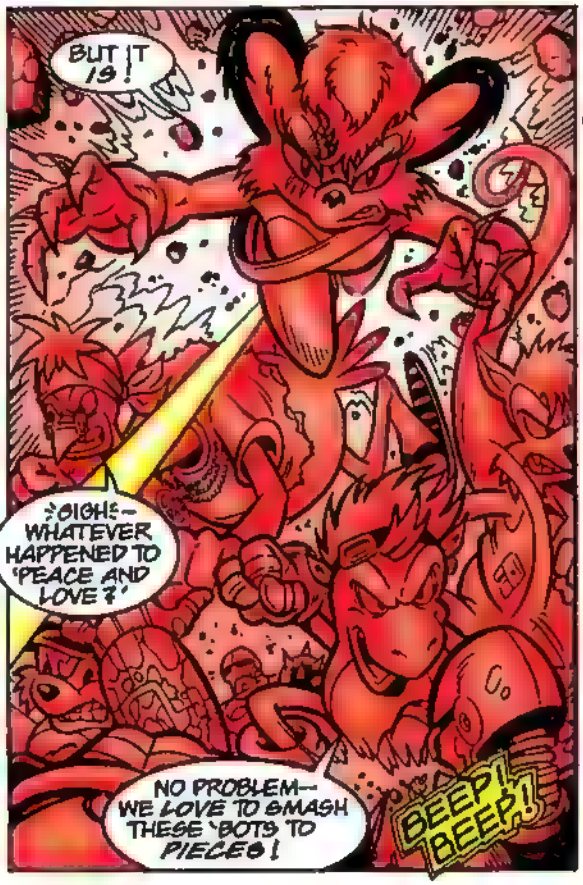
WE BETTER FIND THEM--AND FAST!

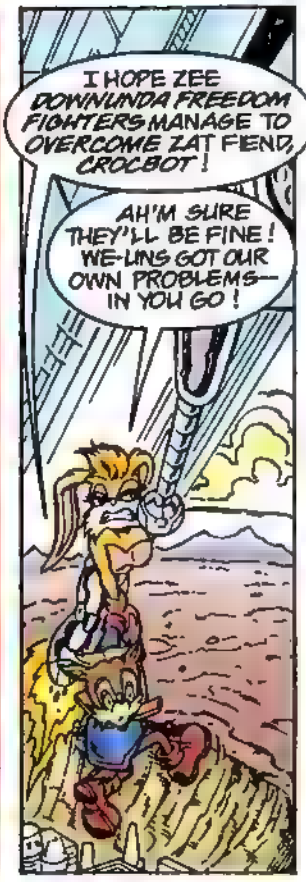
AFTER ZAT, I SUGGEST WE MAKE OUR WAY TO--

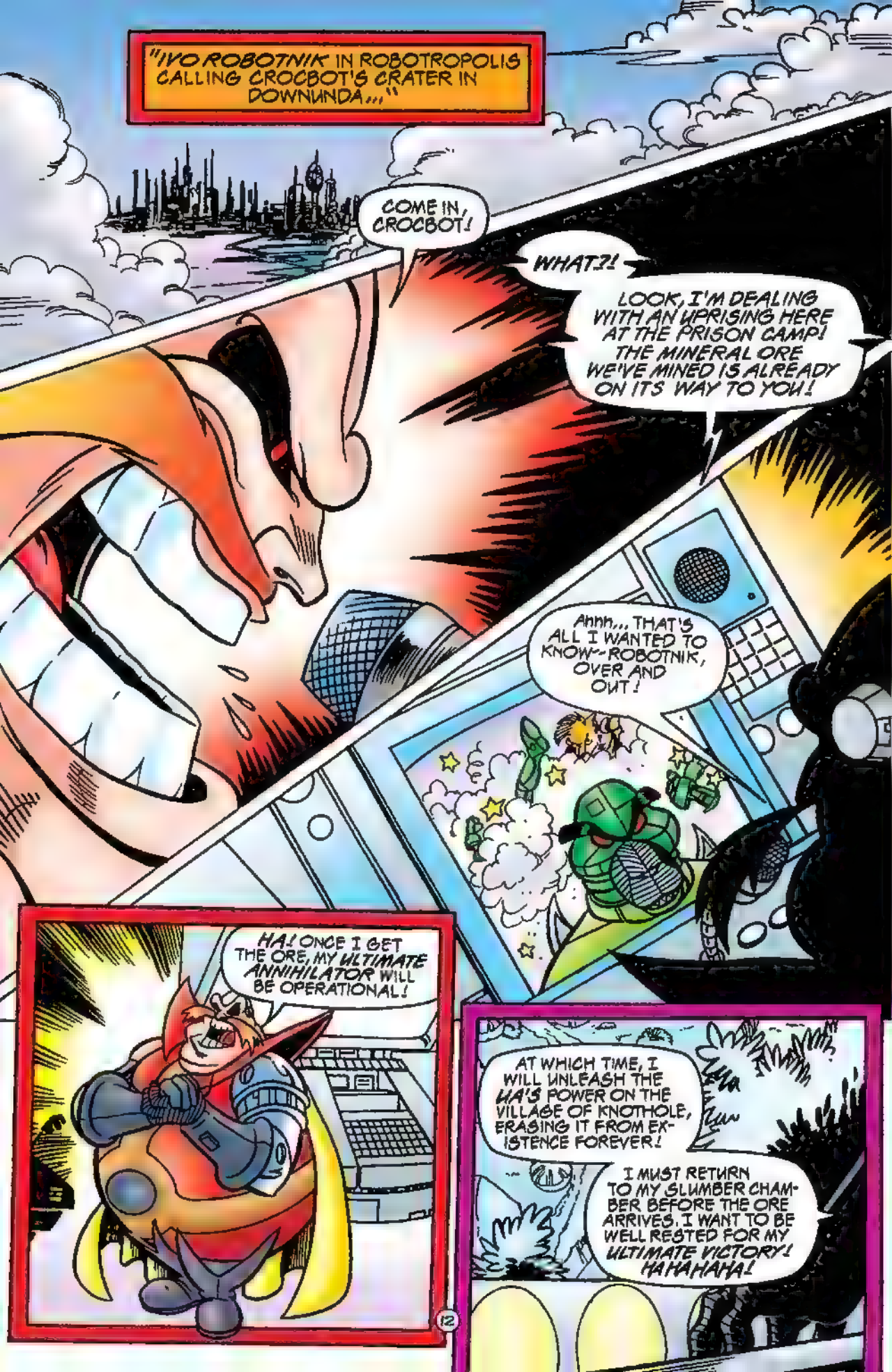

"--ZEE LOADING DOCK!"
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T MAKE OUT WHAT THEY'RE SAYING--
BUT WHATEVER THEY'RE DOING DOESN'T LOOK NONE TOO GOOD!

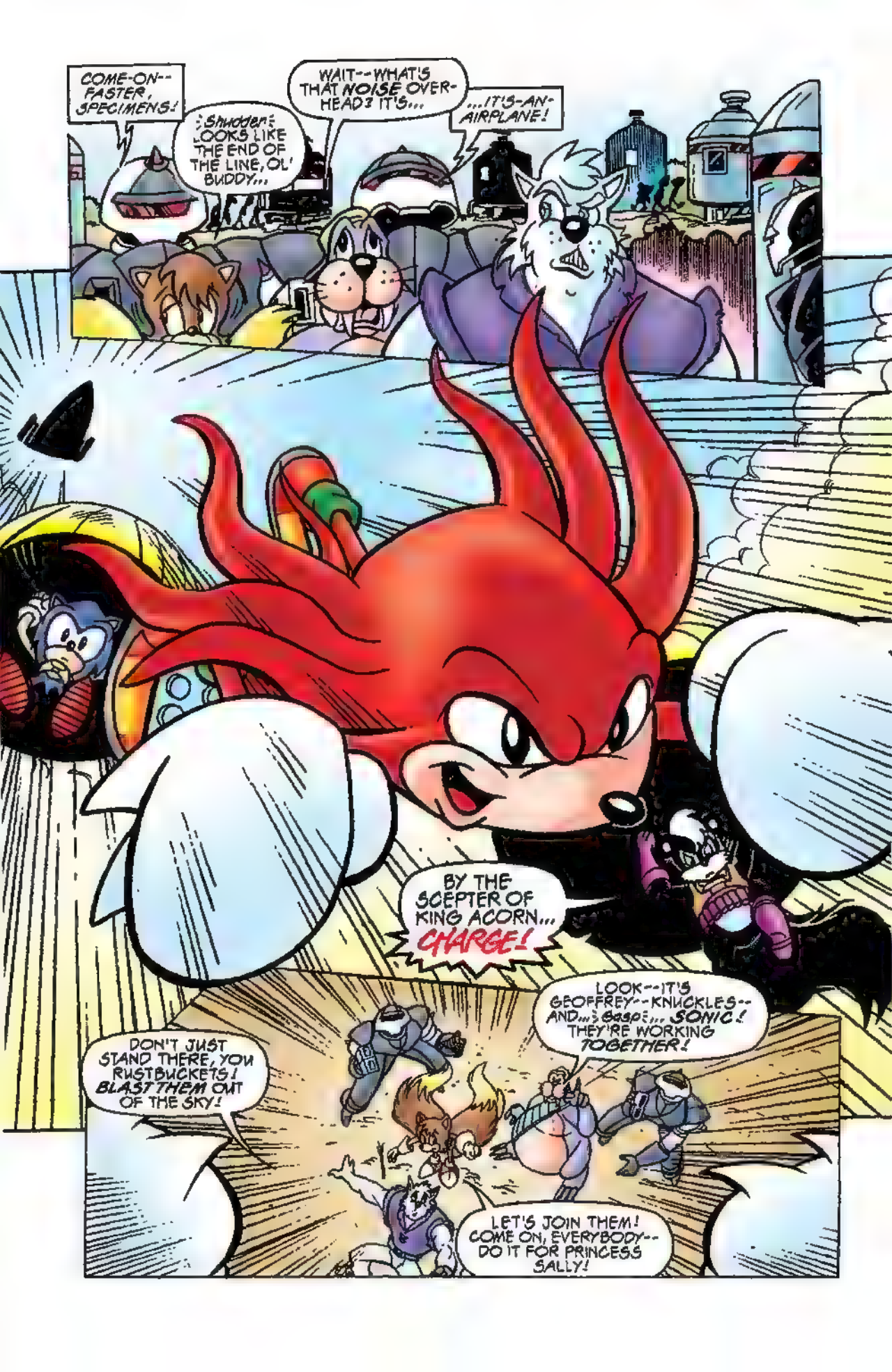

WE'LL CREATE A DIVERSION BY TAKING OUT CROCBOT AND HIS CREW, BUT IT'S UP TO YOU TO GET YOURSELVES ONTO THE AIRBUS!
SEEING AS ZEE AIRBUS EES OUR TICKET HOME.
READY, DEAR BUNNIE?
AS EVAH!


HEY THERE, TALL-GREEN-AND-GRUESOME!
WE HAVE A CIRCUIT OR TWO TO PICK WITH YOU.
GASP!
THAT VOICE! IT CAN'T BE--


BUT IT IS!
SIGH!-- WHATEVER HAPPENED TO 'PEACE AND LOVE?'
NO PROBLEM-- WE LOVE TO SMASH THESE 'BOTS TO PIECES!
BEEP! BEEP!


I HOPE ZEE DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS MANAGE TO OVERCOME ZAT FIEND, CROCBOT!
AH'M SURE THEY'LL BE FINE! WE-UNS GOT OUR OWN PROBLEMS-- IN YOU GO!


"IVO ROBOTNIK IN ROBOTROPOLIS CALLING CROCBOT'S CRATER IN DOWNUNDA..."
COME IN, CROCBOT!
WHAT?!
LOOK, I'M DEALING WITH AN UPRISING HERE AT THE PRISON CAMP! THE MINERAL ORE WE'VE MINED IS ALREADY ON ITS WAY TO YOU!
Ahhh... THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW--ROBOTNIK, OVER AND OUT!
HA! ONCE I GET THE ORE, MY ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR WILL BE OPERATIONAL!
AT WHICH TIME, I WILL UNLEASH THE UA'S POWER ON THE VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE, ERASING IT FROM EXISTENCE FOREVER!
I MUST RETURN TO MY SLUMBER CHAMBER BEFORE THE ORE ARRIVES. I WANT TO BE WELL RESTED FOR MY ULTIMATE VICTORY! HAHAHAHA!

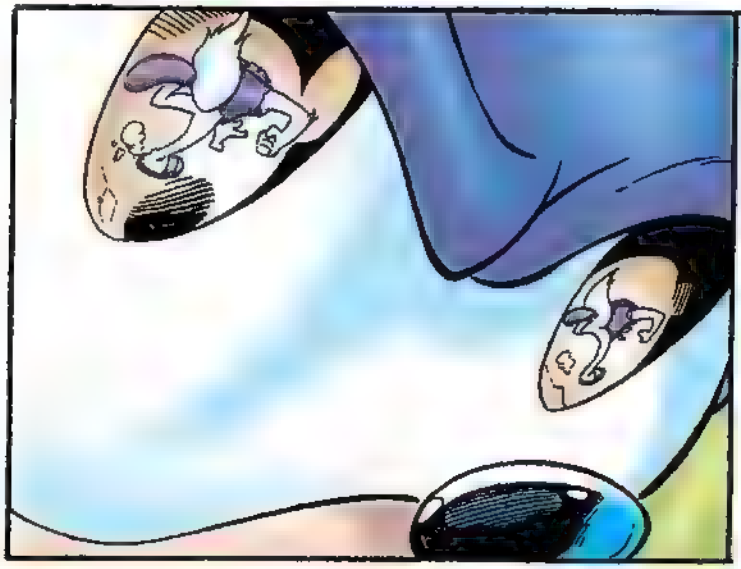

COME-ON--FASTER, SPECIMENS!
;Shudder; LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE LINE, OL' BUDDY...
WAIT--WHAT'S THAT NOISE OVER-HEAD? IT'S...
...IT'S-AN-AIRPLANE!
BY THE SCEPTER OF KING ACORN... CHARGE!
LOOK--IT'S GEOFFREY--KNUCKLES--AND...;Gasp;... SONIC! THEY'RE WORKING TOGETHER!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU RUSTBUCKETS! BLAST THEM OUT OF THE SKY!
LET'S JOIN THEM! COME ON, EVERYBODY--DO IT FOR PRINCESS SALLY!

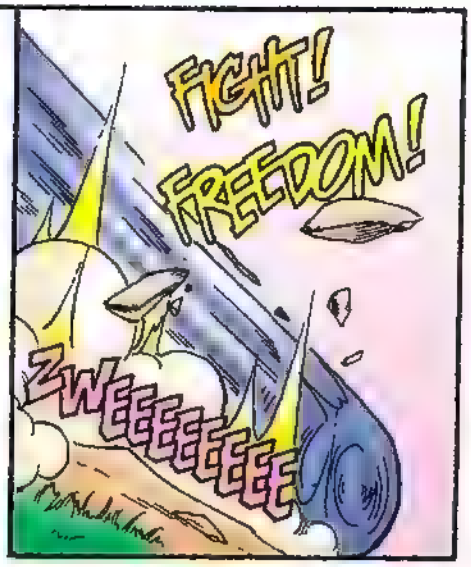
FIGHT! FREEDOM!

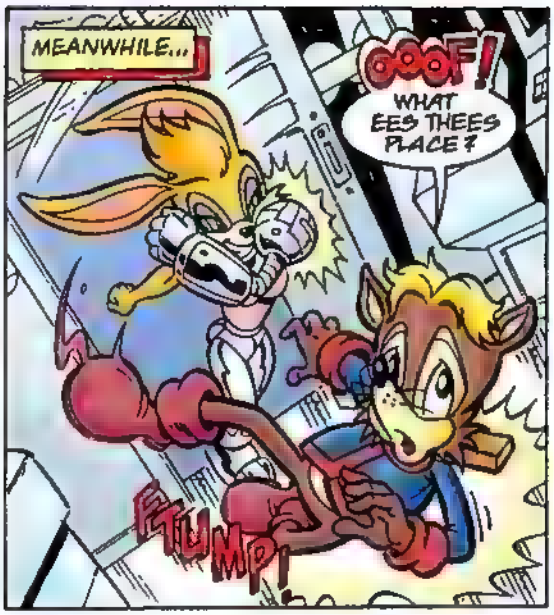
WHIRRR BRAKTT

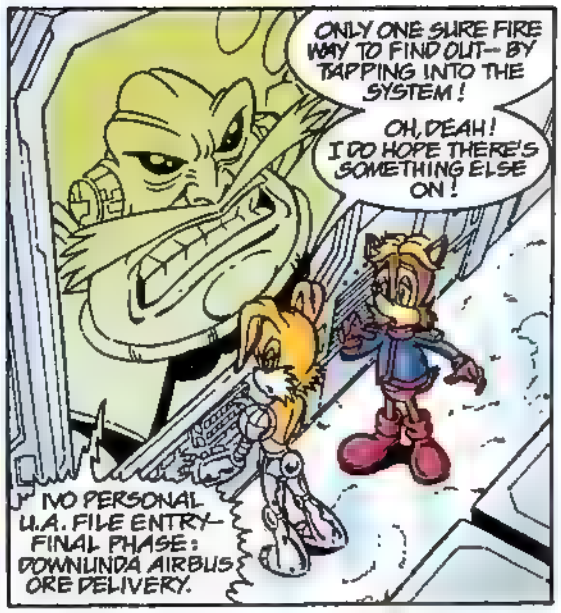
FIGHT! FREEDOM!

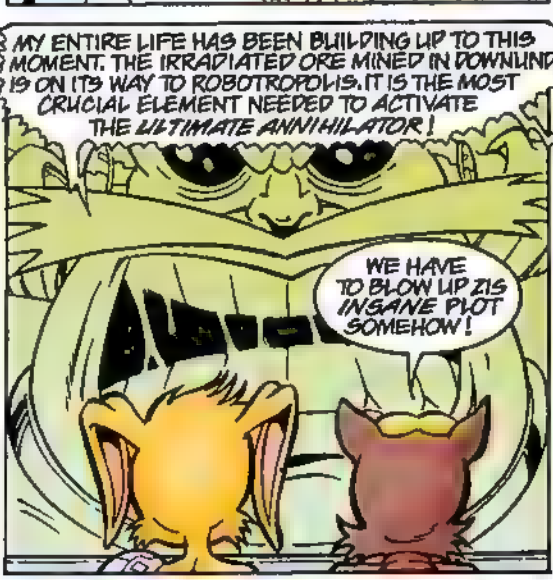
KER-RUNCHT

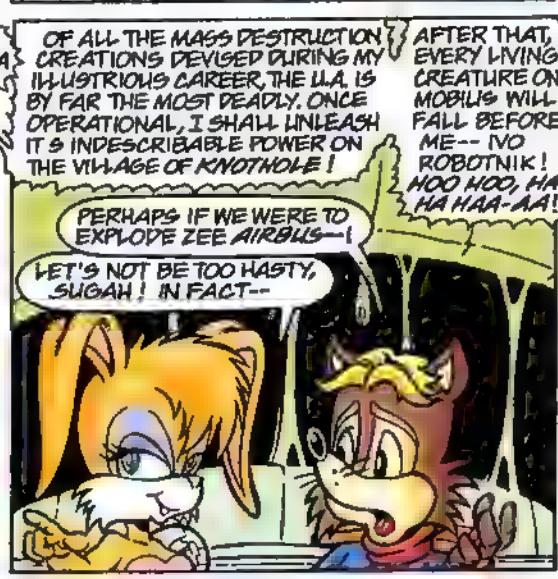


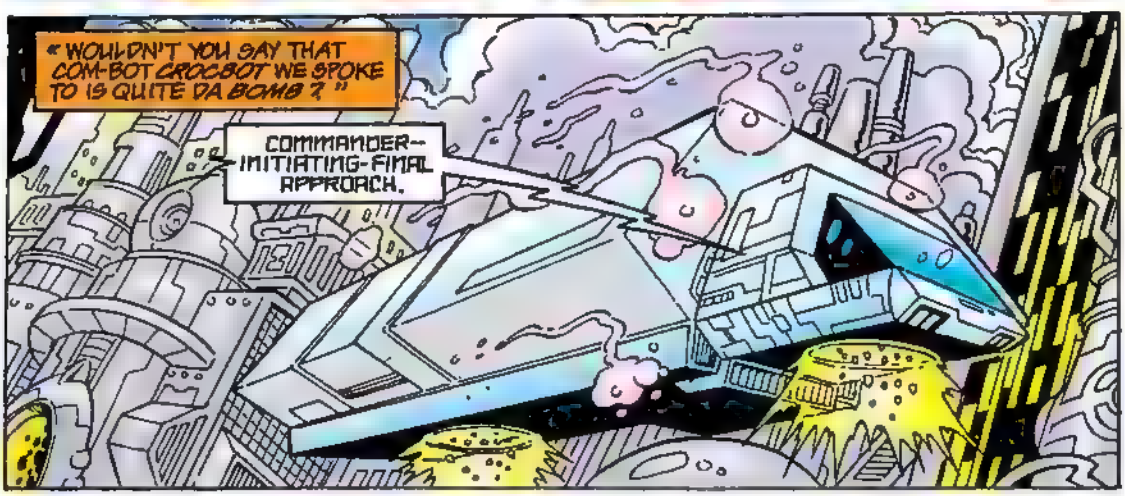


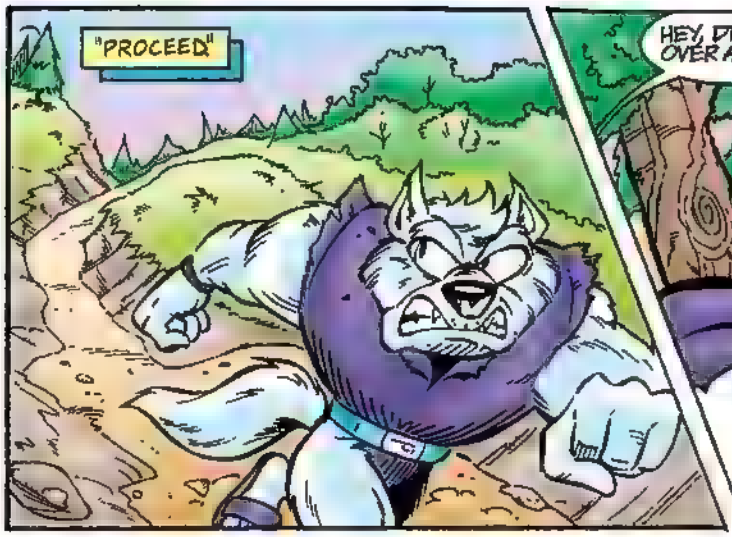

MEANWHILE...
OOOF!
WHAT EES THEES PLACE?
THUMP!


ONLY ONE SURE FIRE WAY TO FIND OUT-- BY TAPPING INTO THE SYSTEM!
OH, DEAH! I DO HOPE THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE ON!
IVO PERSONAL U.A. FILE ENTRY-- FINAL PHASE: DOWNUNDA AIRBUS ORE DELIVERY.


MY ENTIRE LIFE HAS BEEN BUILDING UP TO THIS MOMENT. THE IRRADIATED ORE MINED IN DOWNUNDA IS ON ITS WAY TO ROBOTROPOLIS. IT IS THE MOST CRUCIAL ELEMENT NEEDED TO ACTIVATE THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR!
WE HAVE TO BLOW UP ZIS INSANE PLOT SOMEHOW!


OF ALL THE MASS DESTRUCTION CREATIONS DEVISED DURING MY ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER, THE U.A. IS BY FAR THE MOST DEADLY. ONCE OPERATIONAL, I SHALL UNLEASH IT'S INDESCRIBABLE POWER ON THE VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE!
AFTER THAT, EVERY LIVING CREATURE ON MOBIUS WILL FALL BEFORE ME-- IVO ROBOTNIK! HOO HOO, HA HA HAA-AA!
PERHAPS IF WE WERE TO EXPLODE ZEE AIRBUS--!
LET'S NOT BE TOO HASTY, SUGAH! IN FACT--


"WOULDN'T YOU SAY THAT COM-BOT CROCBOT WE SPOKE TO IS QUITE DA BOMB?"
COMMANDER-- INITIATING-FINAL APPROACH.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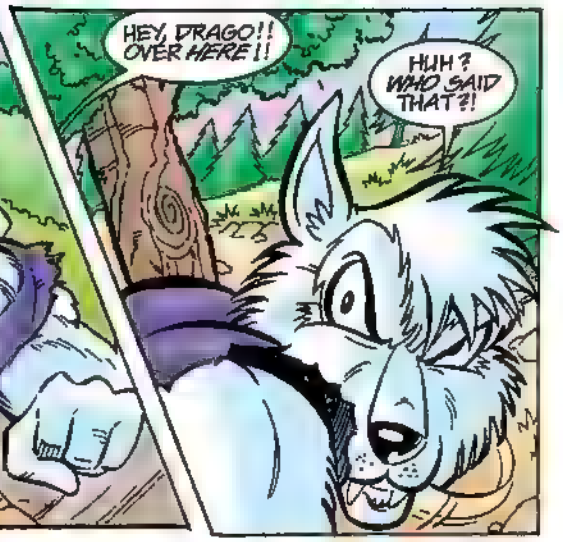
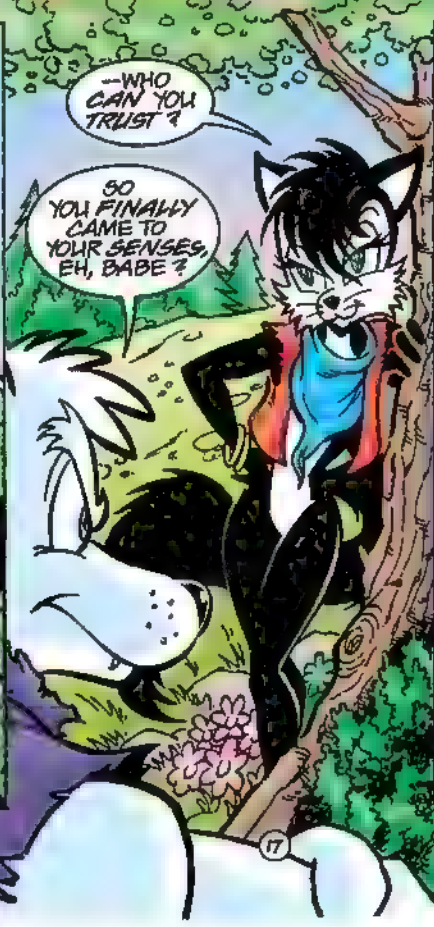
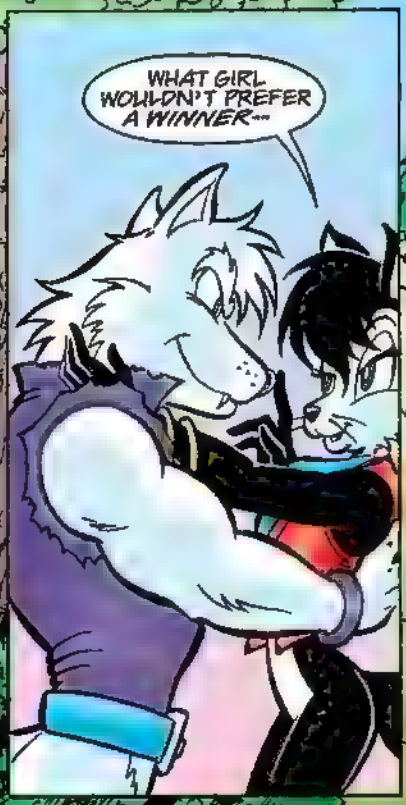

HEY, DRAGO!! OVER HERE!!
HUH? WHO SAID THAT?!

WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!
I SEE SOMETHING COMING UP FAST, NOT TOO FAR OFF IN THE DISTANCE!

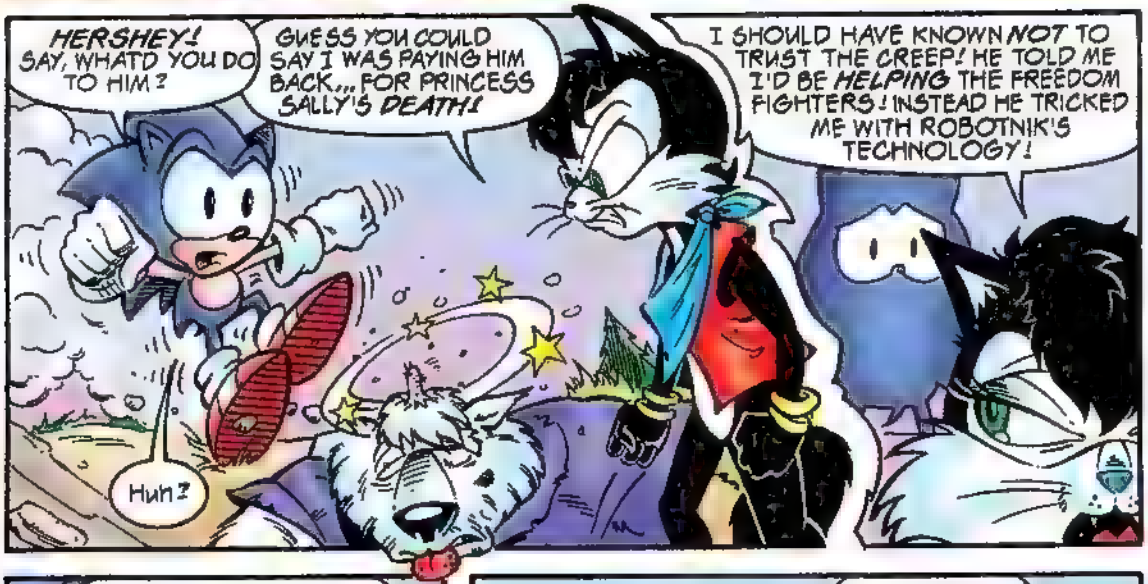
HOW DO I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU?
WHY, DRAGO, IF YOU CAN'T TRUST ME--


--WHO CAN YOU TRUST?
SO YOU FINALLY CAME TO YOUR SENSES, EH, BABE?

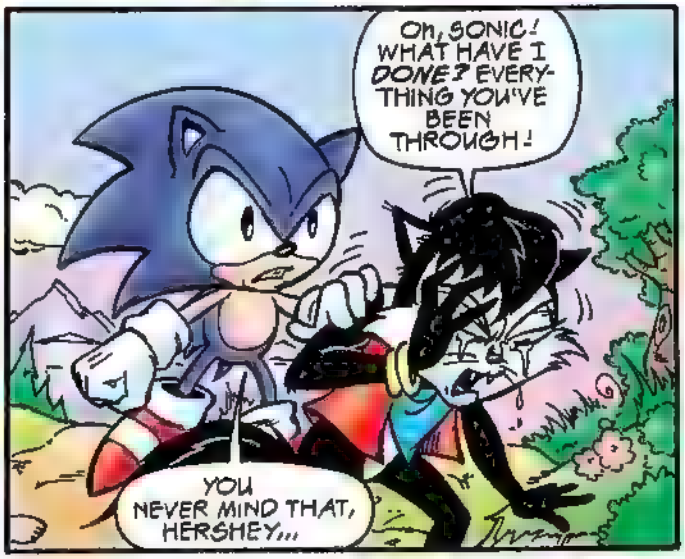

WHAT GIRL WOULDN'T PREFER A WINNER--

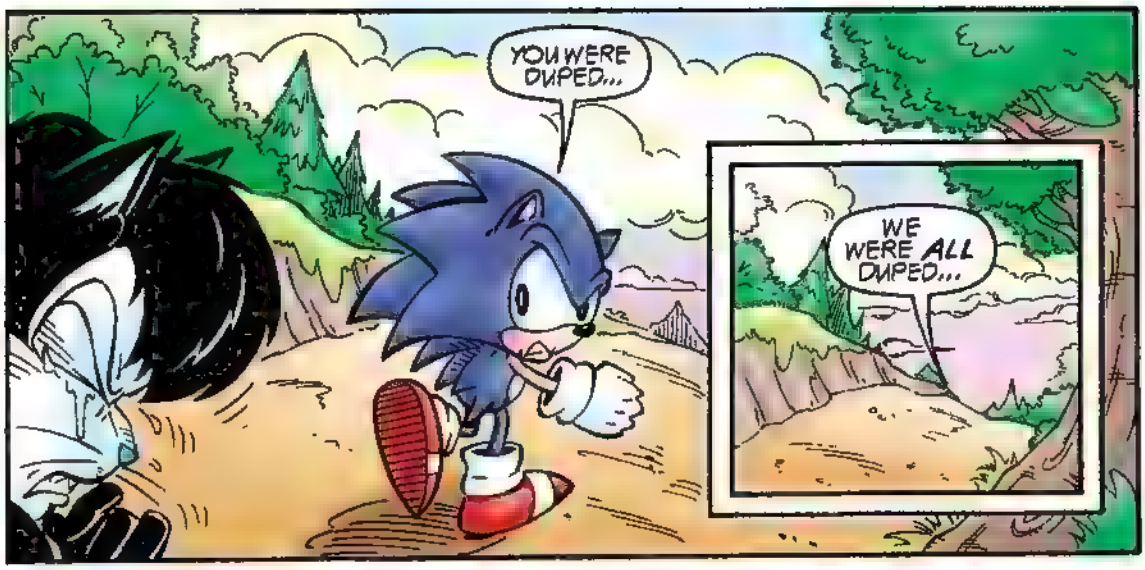
--INSTEAD OF A LOSER LIKE YOU!!
MEEOWW!
OOW!!!
YOU WIT--
OOF!!
BAM
BAM
BAM
DON'T YOU WORRY, DRAGO!
I'M FAR FROM THROUGH WITH YOU!
I LOVED YOU, DRAGO! I'D HAVE DONE ANYTHING FOR YOU!!!
AND FOR YOU TO USE ME LIKE THAT--
YOU'RE THE WORST PIECE OF SLIME IT'S BEEN MY MISFORTUNE TO KNOW!!
WELL, BUSTER, HERE'S WHERE YOU GET YOURS!!
HERSHEY!! NOOOOO!!
BAM

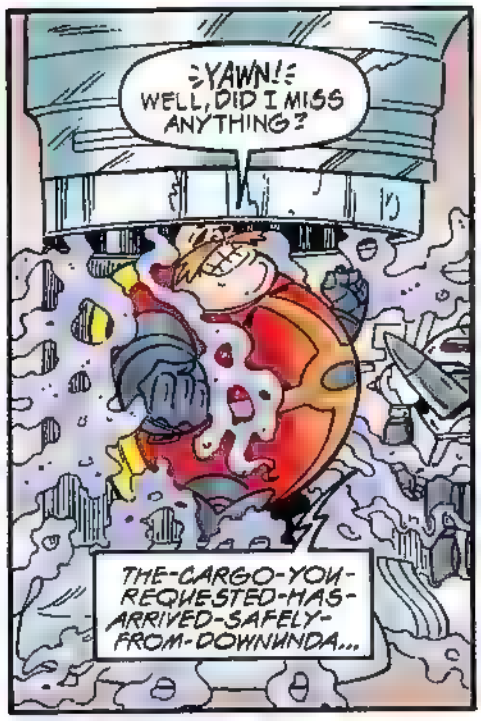
OH, NO, YOU DON'T, YOU DIRTBAG!!
YOU DON'T GET OFF THAT EASY!!!
KLOKT
--UGHH!


HERSHEY! SAY, WHAT'D YOU DO TO HIM?
GUESS YOU COULD SAY I WAS PAYING HIM BACK... FOR PRINCESS SALLY'S DEATH!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN NOT TO TRUST THE CREEP! HE TOLD ME I'D BE HELPING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! INSTEAD HE TRICKED ME WITH ROBOTNIK'S TECHNOLOGY!
Huh?

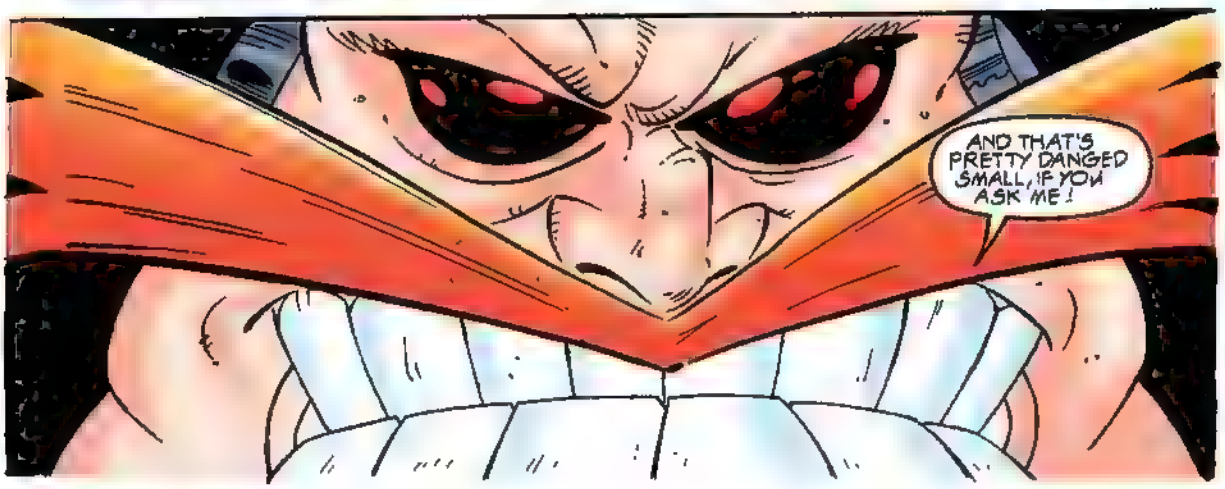
WHEN I CUT THAT ROPE, SONIC, I THOUGHT IT WAS SNIVELY WHO WAS CLIMBING IT...
...BUT IT WAS REALLY SALLY!


OH, SONIC! WHAT HAVE I DONE? EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH!
YOU NEVER MIND THAT, HERSHEY...

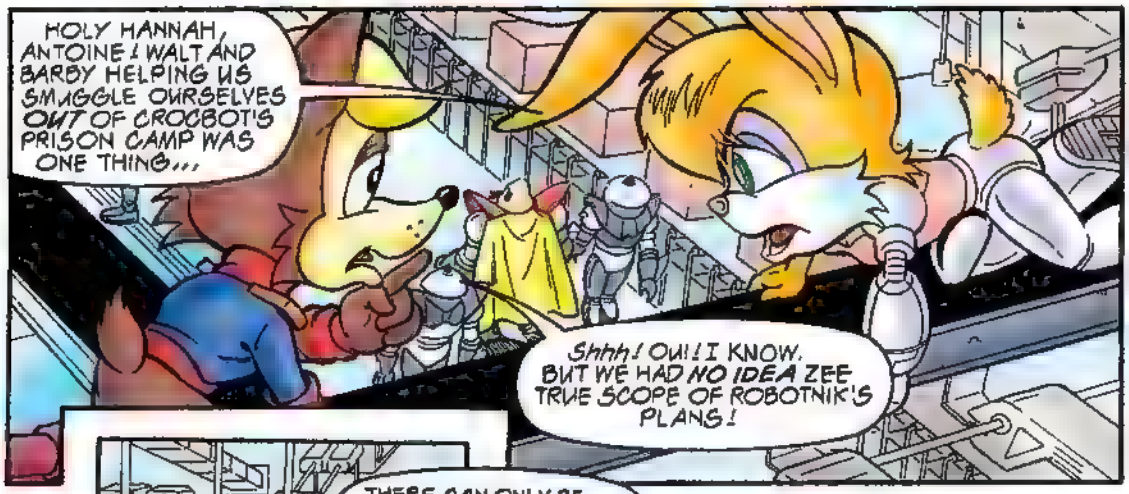

YOU WERE DUPED...
WE WERE ALL DUPED...

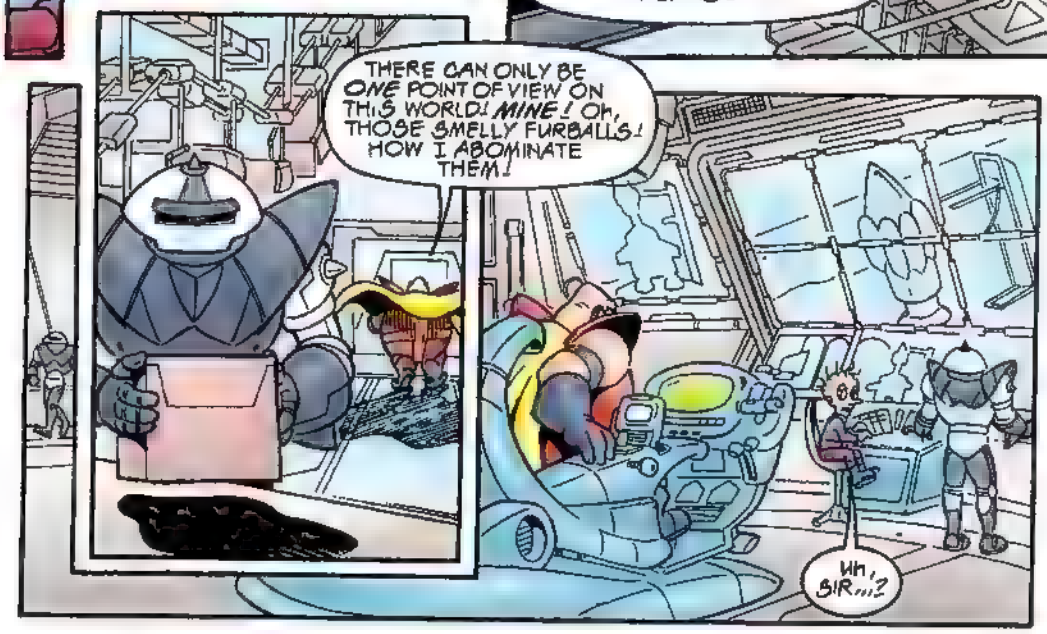

YAWN!
WELL, DID I MISS ANYTHING?
THE-CARGO-YOU-REQUESTED-HAS-ARRIVED-SAFELY-FROM-DOWNUNDA...

...BUT-OUR-TROOPS-HAVE-INFORMED-US-THAT-SONIC-HAS-LIBERATED-KNOTHOLE-VILLAGE!
Ahhh, GOOD NEWS ON ONE HAND MUST BEGET BAD NEWS ON THE OTHER.
WELL, WHAT OF IT? WHAT? WIPE THE GREASE OUT OF YOUR TIN-PLATED EARLOBES, TWITS! THAT RODENT IS NOTHING TO ME! HE'S LESS THAN NOTHING!


AND THAT'S PRETTY DANGED SMALL, IF YOU ASK ME!

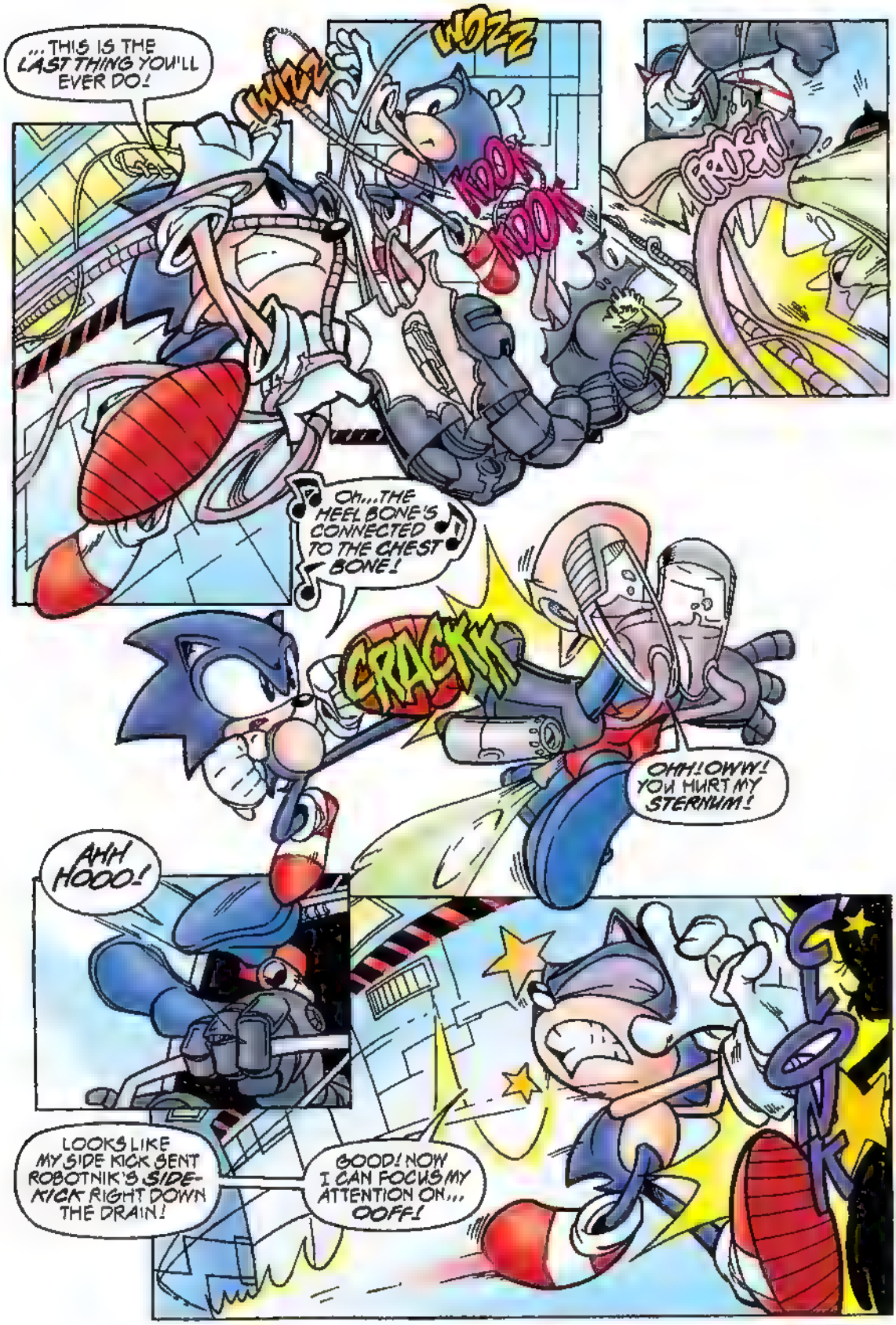
AHHH, FINALLY MY PLANS ARE COMING TO FRUITION! LET THE HEDGEHOG COME! I'LL BAKE HIM A CAKE WITH SO MANY LAYERS!

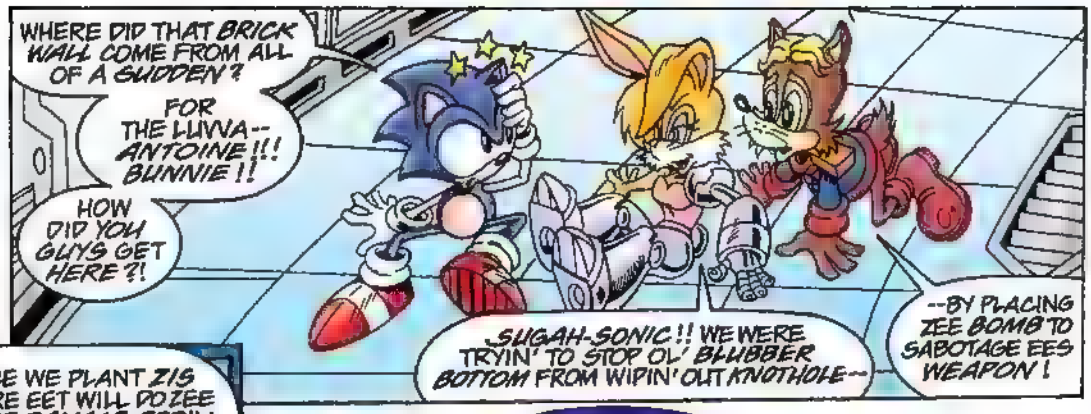

HOLY HANNAH, ANTOINE! WALT AND BARBY HELPING US SMUGGLE OURSELVES OUT OF CROCBOT'S PRISON CAMP WAS ONE THING...
Shhh! Oui! I KNOW. BUT WE HAD NO IDEA ZEE TRUE SCOPE OF ROBOTNIK'S PLANS!


THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE POINT OF VIEW ON THIS WORLD! MINE! OH, THOSE SMELLY FURBALLS! HOW I ABOMINATE THEM!
UH, SIR...?

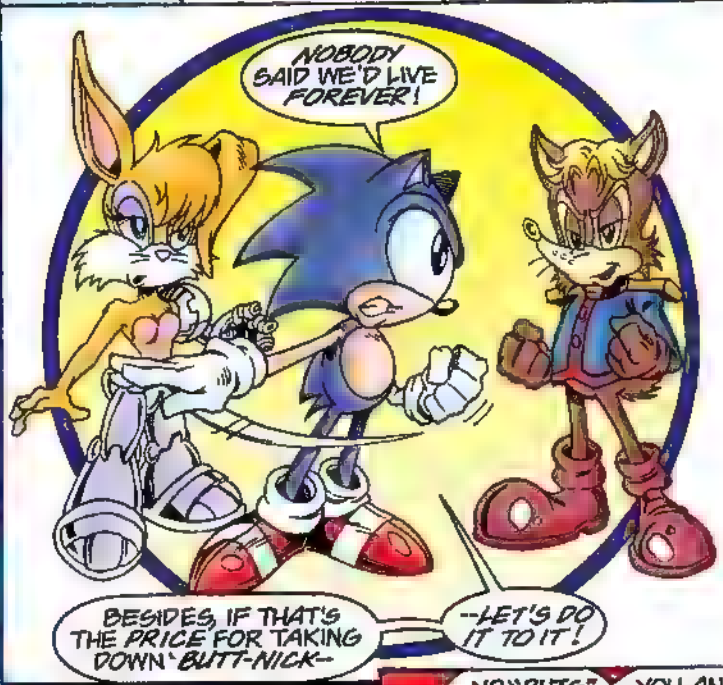
IT'S HIM! IT'S HIM! AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE, HE STILL WON'T GIVE UP!
"WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE ABOUT THAT!"
"LET ME TAKE CARE OF HIM... SIR."
IF I MODULATE THE FREQUENCY OF MY SPEED WHILE I RUN REAL FAST, ACCORDING TO UNCLE CHUCK'S THEORIES...
...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE AFTER-IMAGES OF MYSELF! ENOUGH TO MESS WITH ANY OPPONENT!

BLANG
KA BLONG
BLONG
KABLOOGE
OUTTA MY WAY, SWATBOTS!
OH GOODY LOOK WHO'S COME TO PLAY!
SNIVELY.
HEDGEHOG... IF THIS IS THE LAST THING I EVER DO, I'LL SEE YOU NEVER MAKE IT INSIDE!
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING, NEEDLE-NOSE...


...THIS IS THE LAST THING YOU'LL EVER DO!
WIZZ
WOZZ
KOOK KOOK
CRASH!
Oh...THE HEEL BONE'S CONNECTED TO THE CHEST BONE!
CRACKK
OHH! OWW! YOU HURT MY STERNUM!
AHH HOOO!
LOOKS LIKE MY SIDE KICK SENT ROBOTNIK'S SIDE-KICK RIGHT DOWN THE DRAIN!
GOOD! NOW I CAN FOCUS MY ATTENTION ON... OOFF!
CLONK


WHERE DID THAT BRICK WALL COME FROM ALL OF A SUDDEN?
FOR THE LUVVA-- ANTOINE!!! BUNNIE!!
HOW DID YOU GUYS GET HERE?!
SUGAH-SONIC!! WE WERE TRYIN' TO STOP OL' BLUBBER BOTTOM FROM WIPIN' OUT KNOTHOLE--
--BY PLACING ZEE BOMB TO SABOTAGE EES WEAPON!

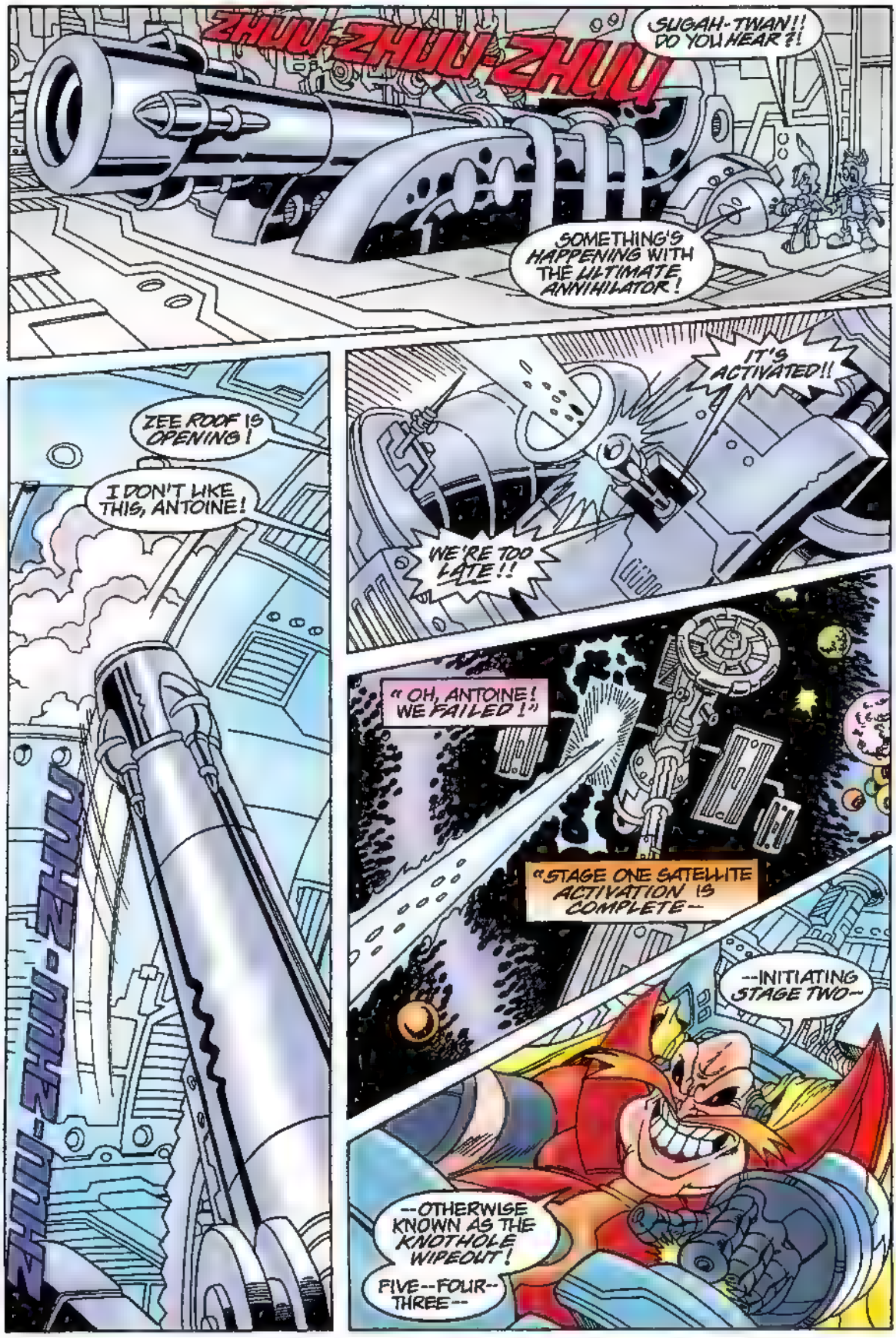
ONCE WE PLANT ZIS WHERE EET WILL DO ZEE MOST DAMAGE, EET'LL BE SET TO DETONATE WITHIN 10 MINUTES TIME!
EEF WE DON'T MAKE IT OUT BEFORE ZEN, WELL...


NOBODY SAID WE'D LIVE FOREVER!
BESIDES, IF THAT'S THE PRICE FOR TAKING DOWN BUTT-NICK--
--LET'S DO IT TO IT!

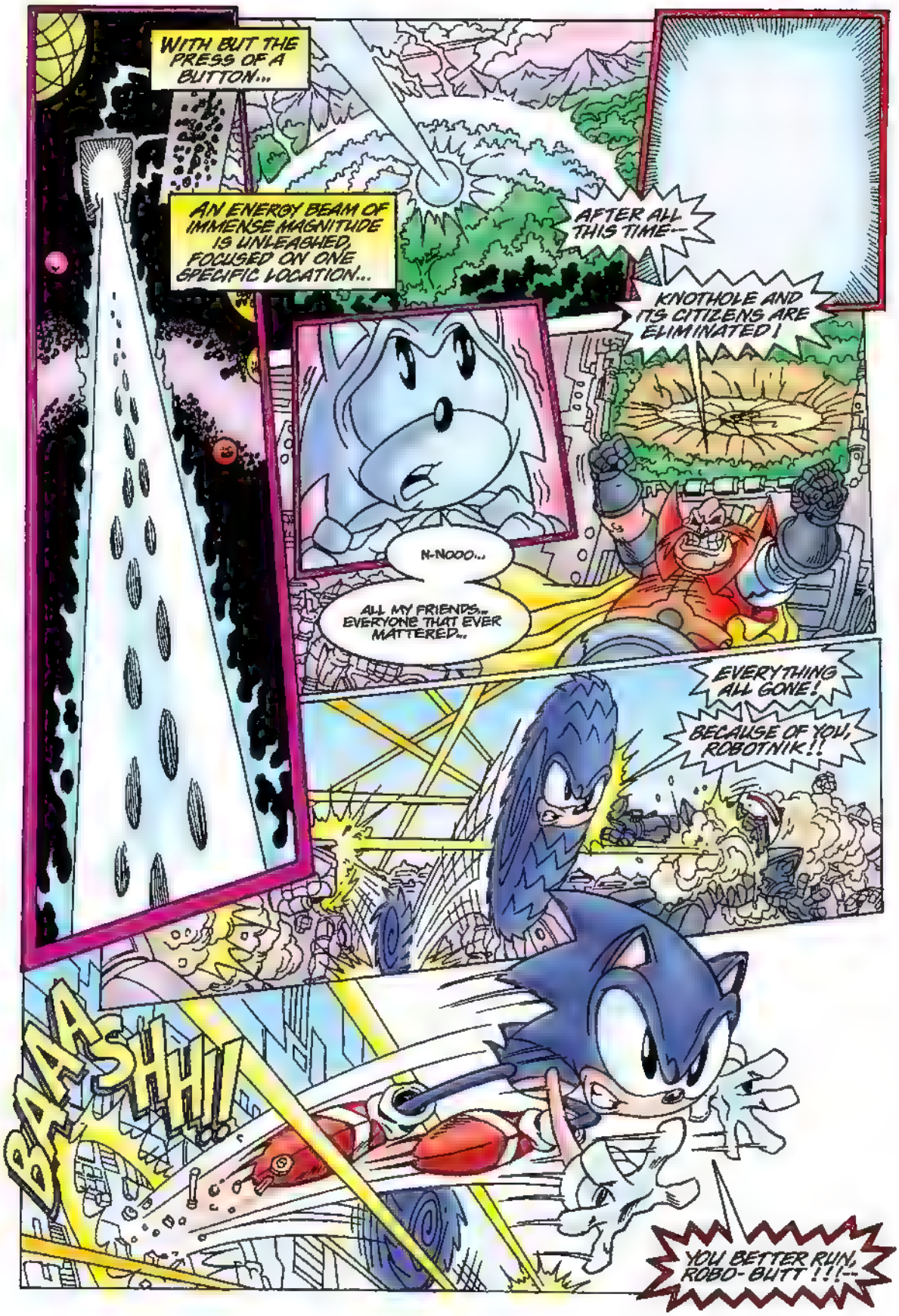
SONIC!! WAIT!!
WHAIRE ARE YOU GOING?!
TO BUY YOU GUYS TIME!
BUT, SONIC--

NO "BUTS", BUNNIE.
YOU AND 'TWAN JUST MAKE SURE WHEN THAT DOOHICKEY OF YOURS BLOWS--

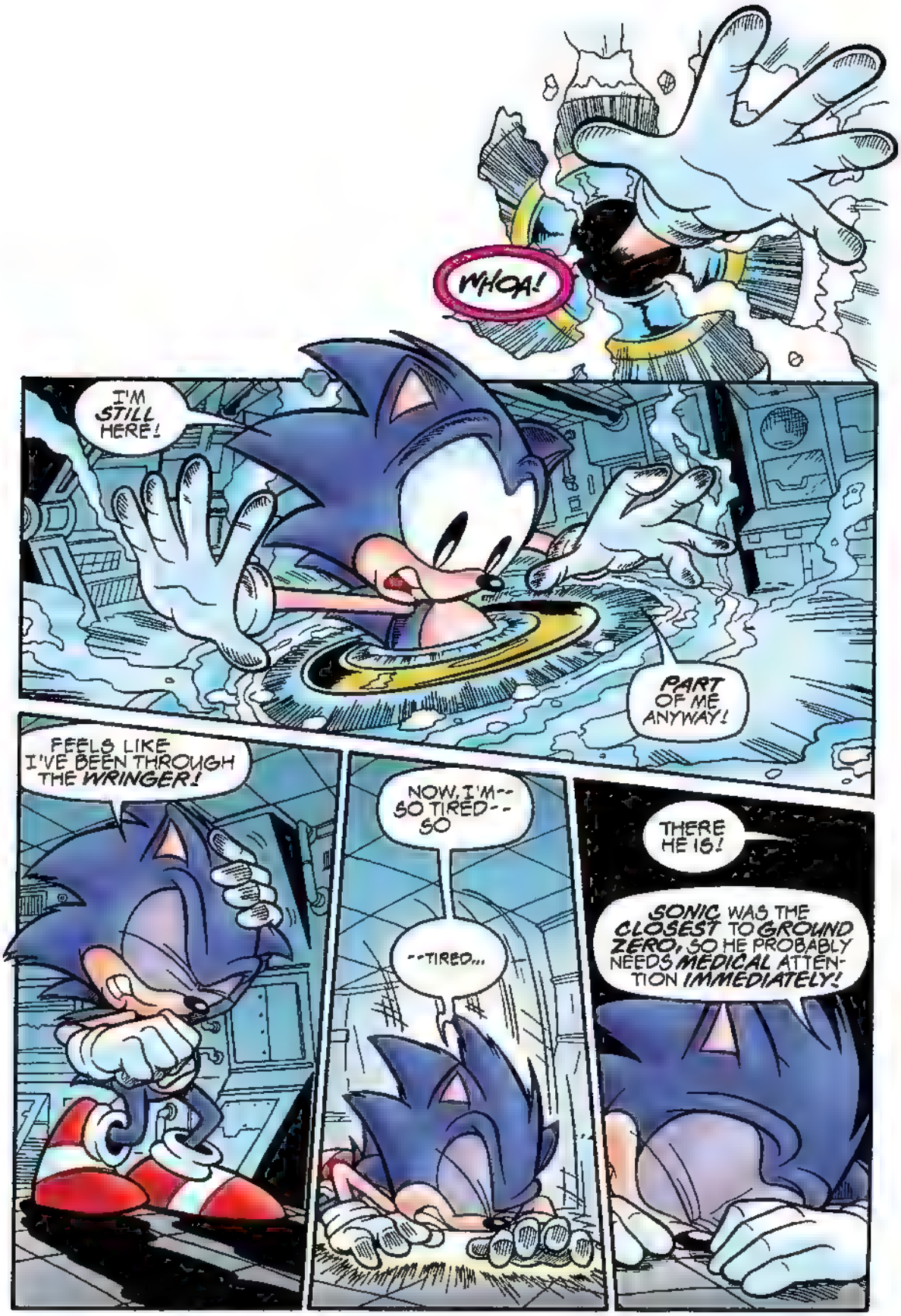
--OR IT'S REALLY GONNA BE THE BIG GOODBYE!
SONIC!
THIS WAY, MA CHERIE!
OUR FRIEND DOES WHAT HE MUST--
--AS WE SHOULD NOW DO SO!
IF WE CAN GET PAST THAT SWATBOT, SUGAH-TWAN!
MY DEAR BUNNIE--
--WHY NOT HIT HEEM WITH YOUR BEST SHOT?
WHAANG!
YOU'VE QUITE A LEFT HOOK, DARLING!
NOW TO DO ZEE SAME TO ZEE REST OF ZIS PLACE!
IN ZAIRE!

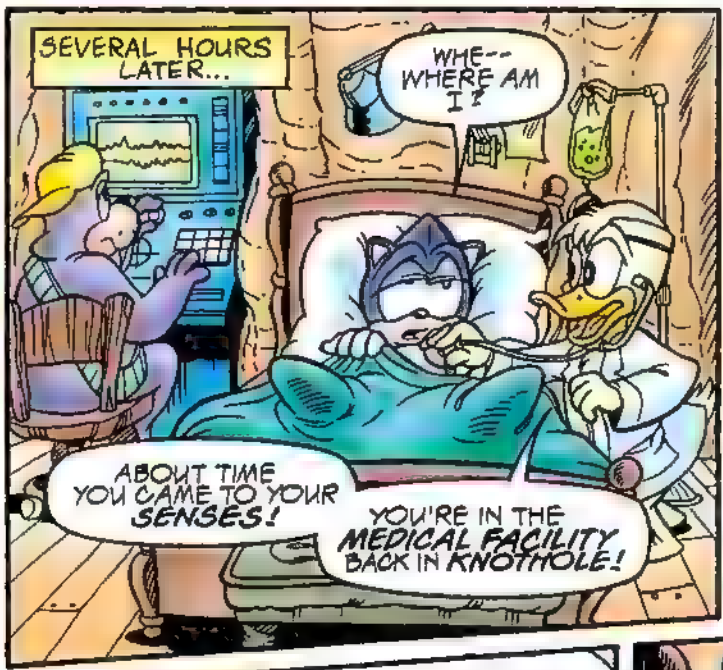

ZHUU-ZHUU-ZHUU
SUGAH-TWAN!! DO YOU HEAR ?!
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING WITH THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR!
ZEE ROOF IS OPENING!
I DON'T LIKE THIS, ANTOINE!
ZHUU-ZHUU-ZHUU
IT'S ACTIVATED!!
WE'RE TOO LATE!!
"OH, ANTOINE! WE FAILED!"
"STAGE ONE SATELLITE ACTIVATION IS COMPLETE--
--INITIATING STAGE TWO--
--OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE KNOTHOLE WIPEOUT!
FIVE--FOUR--THREE--

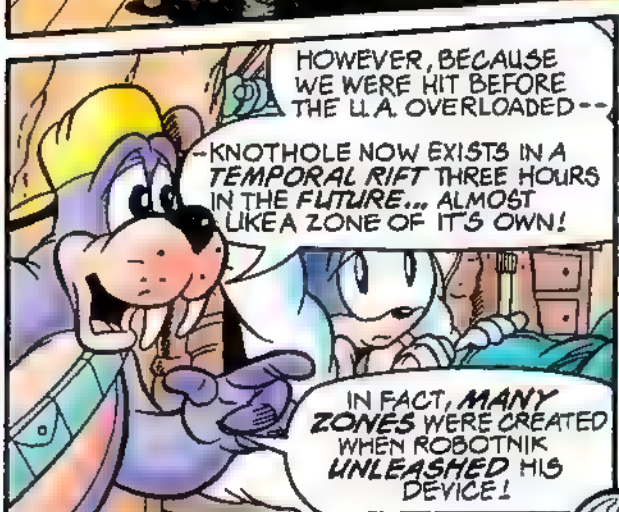
KNOTHOLE WIPEOUT?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE--
choke
--TWO--
--ONE-- EH?
THE HEDGEHOG! OF ALL THE TIMES--
YEAH! TOO BAD FOR YOU!
IF ANYTHING'S GETTING WIPED OUT AROUND HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU THREE GUESSES WHO--
--AND THE FIRST TWO DON'T COUNT!
WE'LL SEE WHO LAUGHS LAST, YOU MISERABLE RODENT!
ATTENTION, ALL SWATBOTS!
DESTROY THE HEDGEHOG-- BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!!
NOW THEN-- WHERE WAS I?
ZERO!! FAREWELL, KNOTHOLE!!
NOOOOO!!
KLIK!

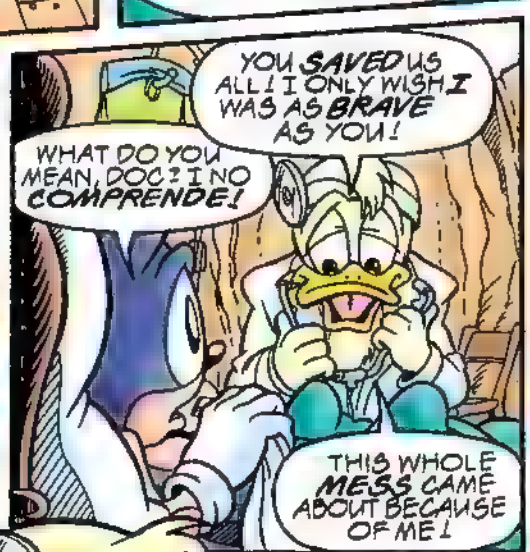

WITH BUT THE PRESS OF A BUTTON...
AN ENERGY BEAM OF IMMENSE MAGNITUDE IS UNLEASHED, FOCUSED ON ONE SPECIFIC LOCATION...
AFTER ALL THIS TIME--
KNOTHOLE AND ITS CITIZENS ARE ELIMINATED!
N-NOOO...
ALL MY FRIENDS... EVERYONE THAT EVER MATTERED...
EVERYTHING ALL GONE!
BECAUSE OF YOU, ROBOTNIK!!
BAAA SHH!
YOU BETTER RUN, ROBO-BUTT!!!--

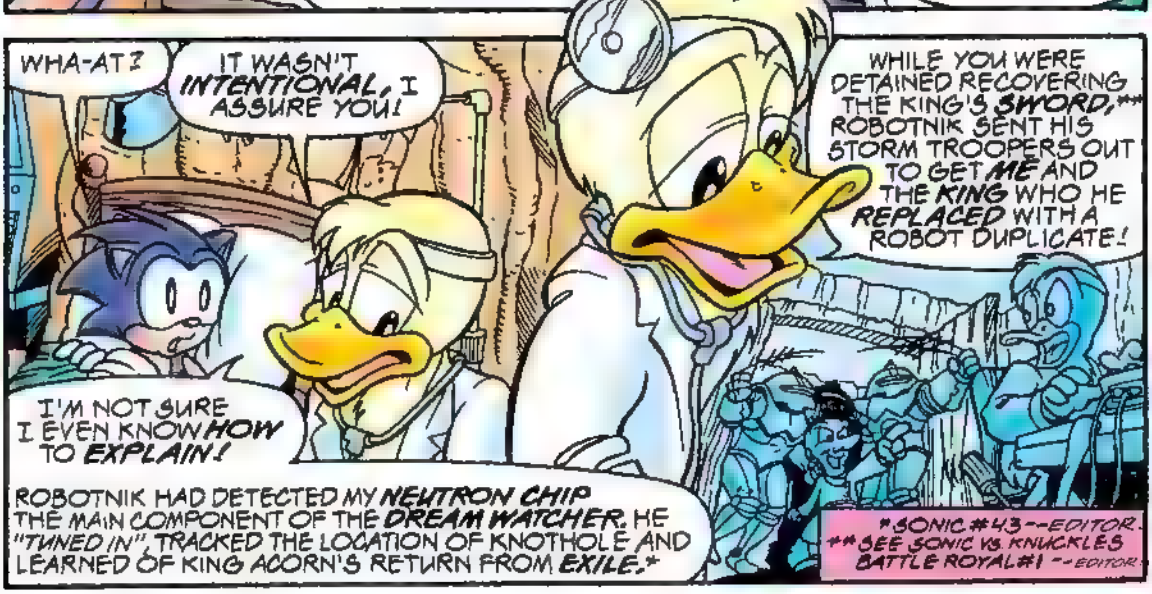
"--CAUSE THERE WON'T BE MUCH LEFT WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!!!"
KLIK...
TICK... TICK... TICK...
ZIS SHOULD DO IT!
C'MON, HONEY TWAN!!
WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN HERE!
BOOM!
WARNING! WARNING! ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR SYSTEM CRASH! CROSSED CIRCUITS WILL RESULT IN INTERNALIZED ENERGY EMISSION! DESTRUCTION OF WAR ROOM...IMMINENT! PROBABILITY OF RESULTING SHOCK WAVE DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH...99.99999 % POSITIVE!
HOW I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!
I'VE LIVED TO SEE ONE DREAM COME TRUE-- THE DESTRUCTION OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AND EVERYONE WITHIN IT.
ALL THAT MATTERS NOW IS THE PLEASURE OF ELIMINATING YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!
ALTHOUGH CONSCIOUS OF THEIR IMPENDING DOOM, AT THIS POINT, BOTH COMBATANTS FEEL THEY HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE...
AFTER YEARS OF EXCHANGING INSULTS AND VOWS OF PERSONAL DESTRUCTION, ALL IS SAID AND DONE.
THE ONLY RECOURSE LEFT IS...


WHOA!
I'M STILL HERE!
PART OF ME ANYWAY!
FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE WRINGER!
NOW, I'M-- SO TIRED-- SO
--TIRED...
THERE HE IS!
SONIC WAS THE CLOSEST TO GROUND ZERO, SO HE PROBABLY NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY!

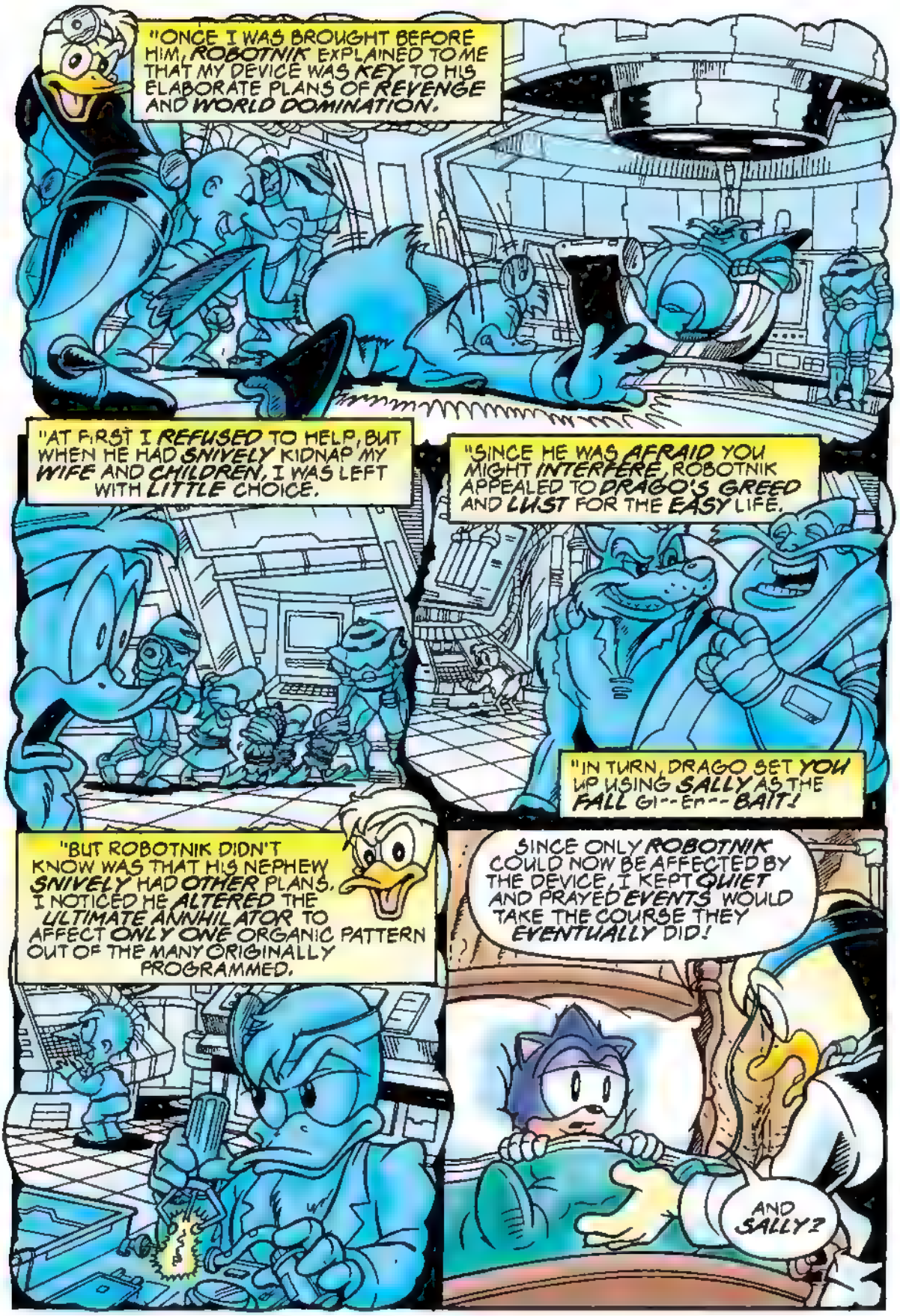


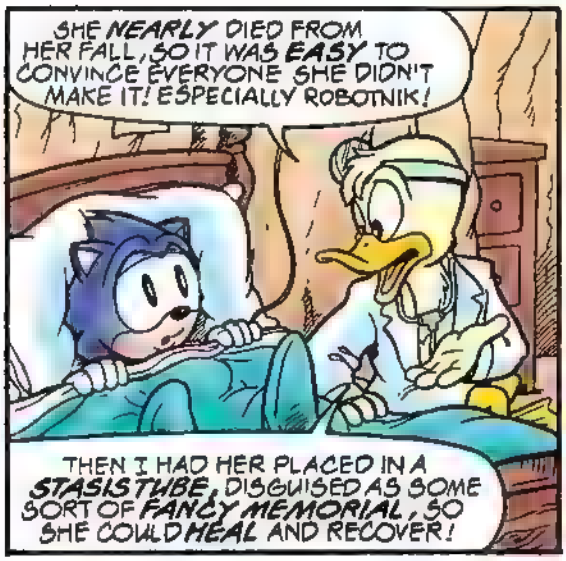


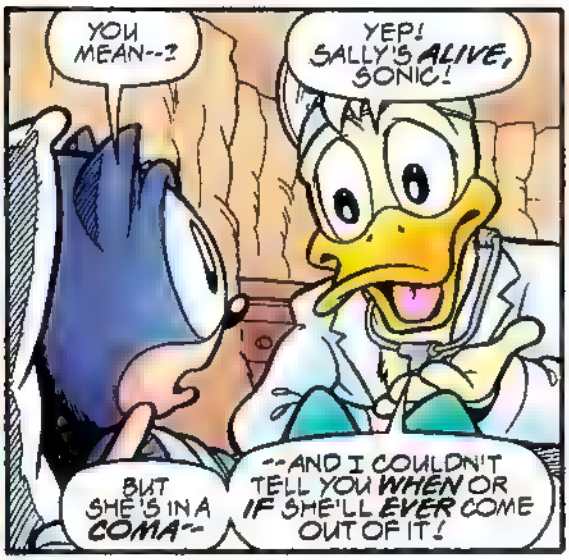


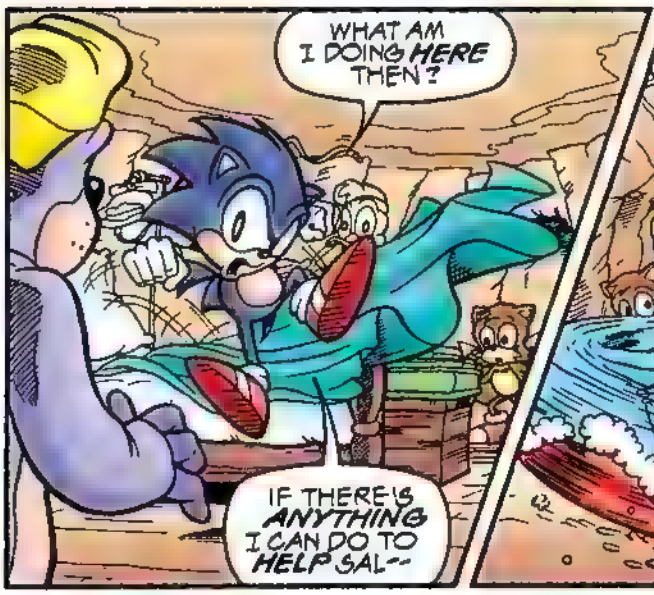


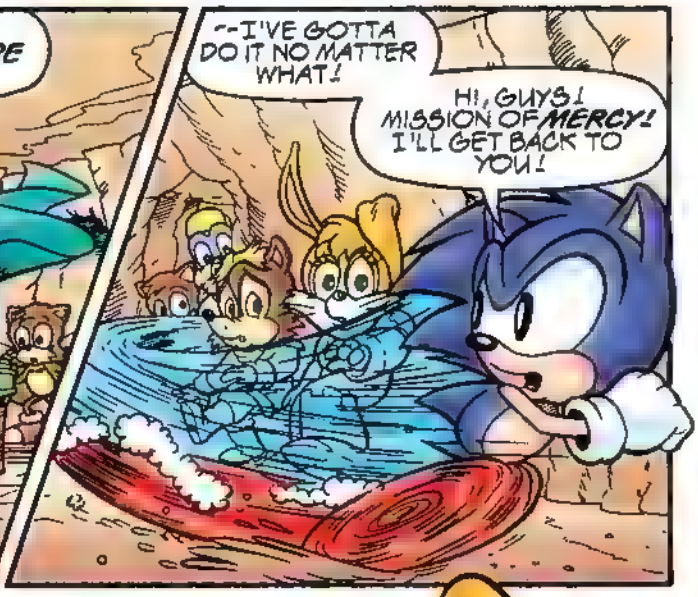
*SONIC #43--EDITOR.
**SEE SONIC VS. KNUCKLES BATTLE ROYAL #1--EDITOR.

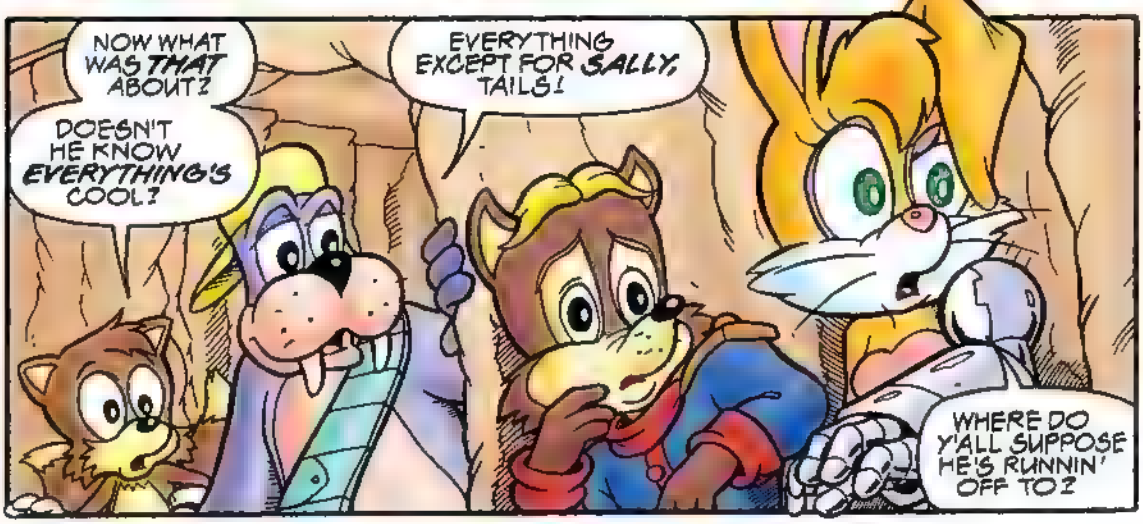

"ONCE I WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM, ROBOTNIK EXPLAINED TO ME THAT MY DEVICE WAS KEY TO HIS ELABORATE PLANS OF REVENGE AND WORLD DOMINATION.
"AT FIRST I REFUSED TO HELP, BUT WHEN HE HAD SNIVELY KIDNAP MY WIFE AND CHILDREN, I WAS LEFT WITH LITTLE CHOICE.
"SINCE HE WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT INTERFERE, ROBOTNIK APPEALED TO DRAGO'S GREED AND LUST FOR THE EASY LIFE.
"IN TURN, DRAGO SET YOU UP USING SALLY AS THE FALL GI--EE--BAIT!
"BUT ROBOTNIK DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT HIS NEPHEW SNIVELY HAD OTHER PLANS. I NOTICED HE ALTERED THE ULTIMATE ANNHILATOR TO AFFECT ONLY ONE ORGANIC PATTERN OUT OF THE MANY ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED.
SINCE ONLY ROBOTNIK COULD NOW BE AFFECTED BY THE DEVICE, I KEPT QUIET AND PRAYED EVENTS WOULD TAKE THE COURSE THEY EVENTUALLY DID!
AND SALLY?

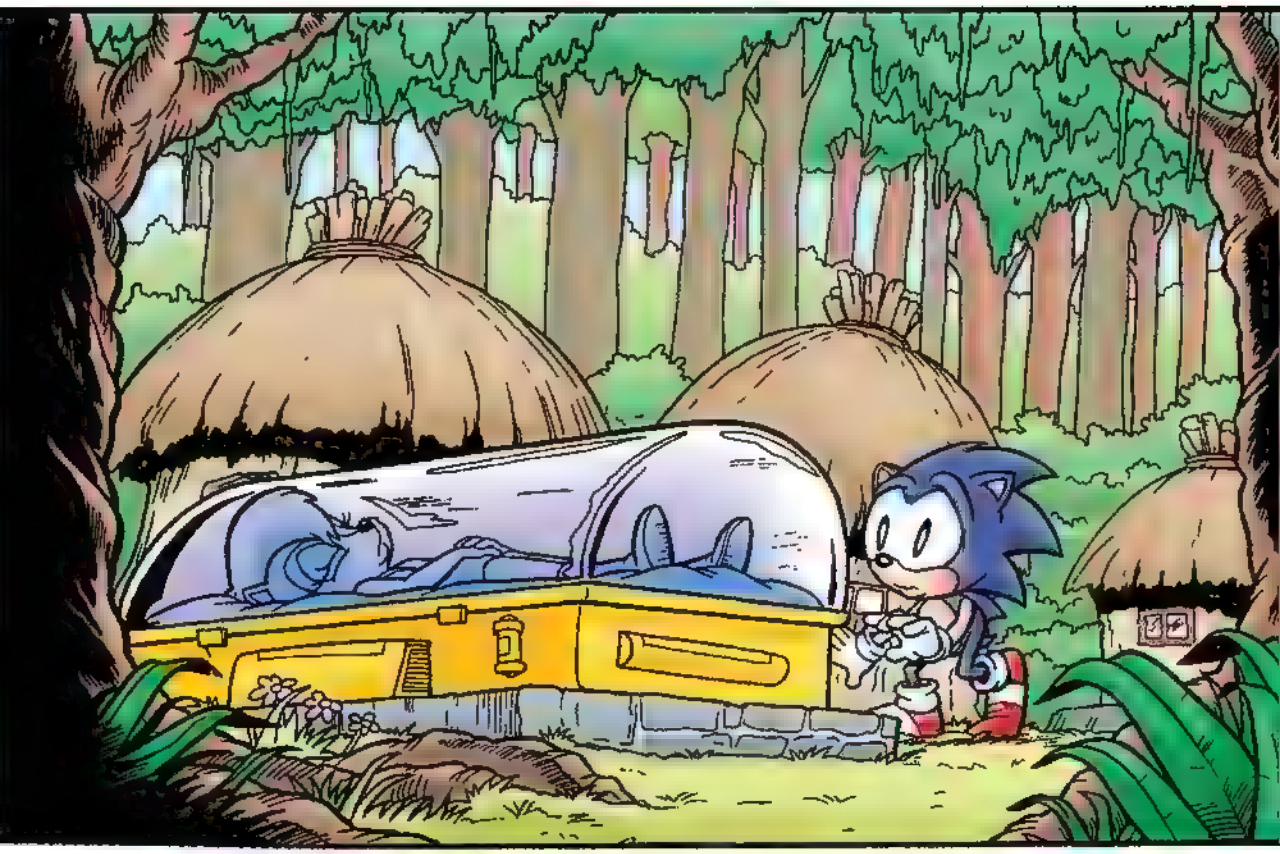

SHE NEARLY DIED FROM HER FALL, SO IT WAS EASY TO CONVINCE EVERYONE SHE DIDN'T MAKE IT! ESPECIALLY ROBOTNIK!
THEN I HAD HER PLACED IN A STASIS TUBE, DISGUISED AS SOME SORT OF FANCY MEMORIAL, SO SHE COULD HEAL AND RECOVER!

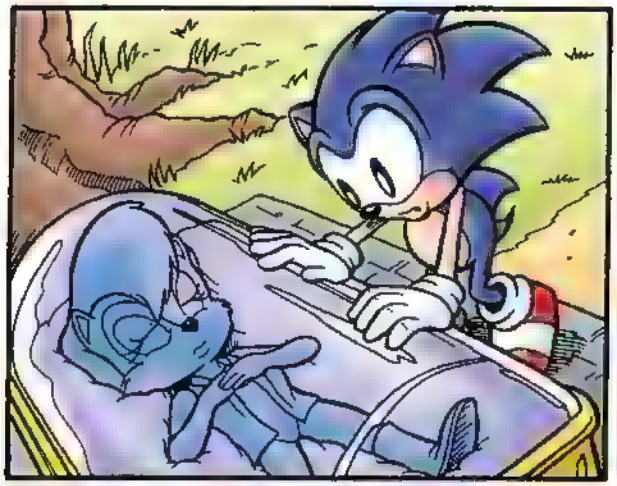

YOU MEAN--?
YEP! SALLY'S ALIVE, SONIC!
BUT SHE'S IN A COMA--
--AND I COULDN'T TELL YOU WHEN OR IF SHE'LL EVER COME OUT OF IT!

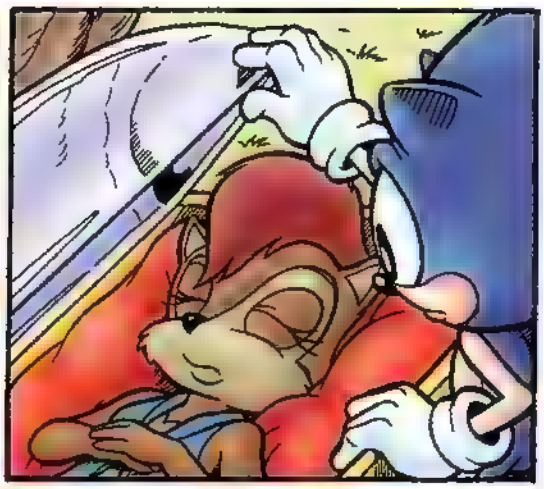

WHAT AM I DOING HERE THEN?
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP SAL--

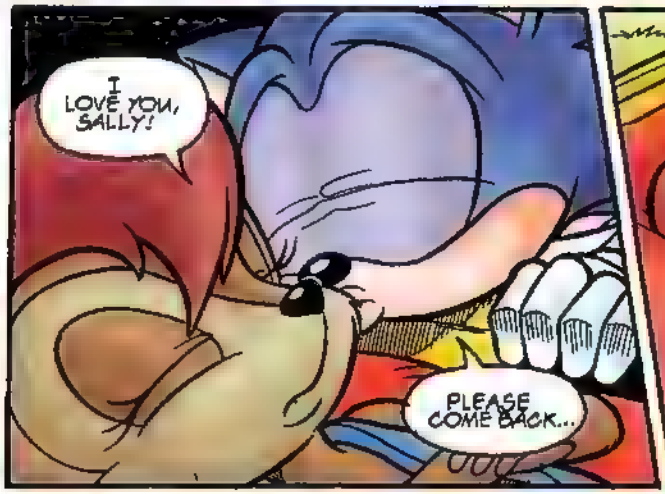

--I'VE GOTTA DO IT NO MATTER WHAT!
HI, GUYS! MISSION OF MERCY! I'LL GET BACK TO YOU!

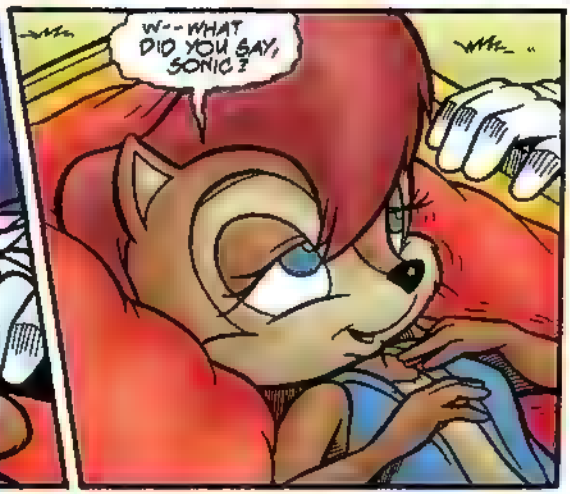

NOW WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
DOESN'T HE KNOW EVERYTHING'S COOL?
EVERYTHING EXCEPT FOR SALLY, TAILS!
WHERE DO Y'ALL SUPPOSE HE'S RUNNIN' OFF TO?

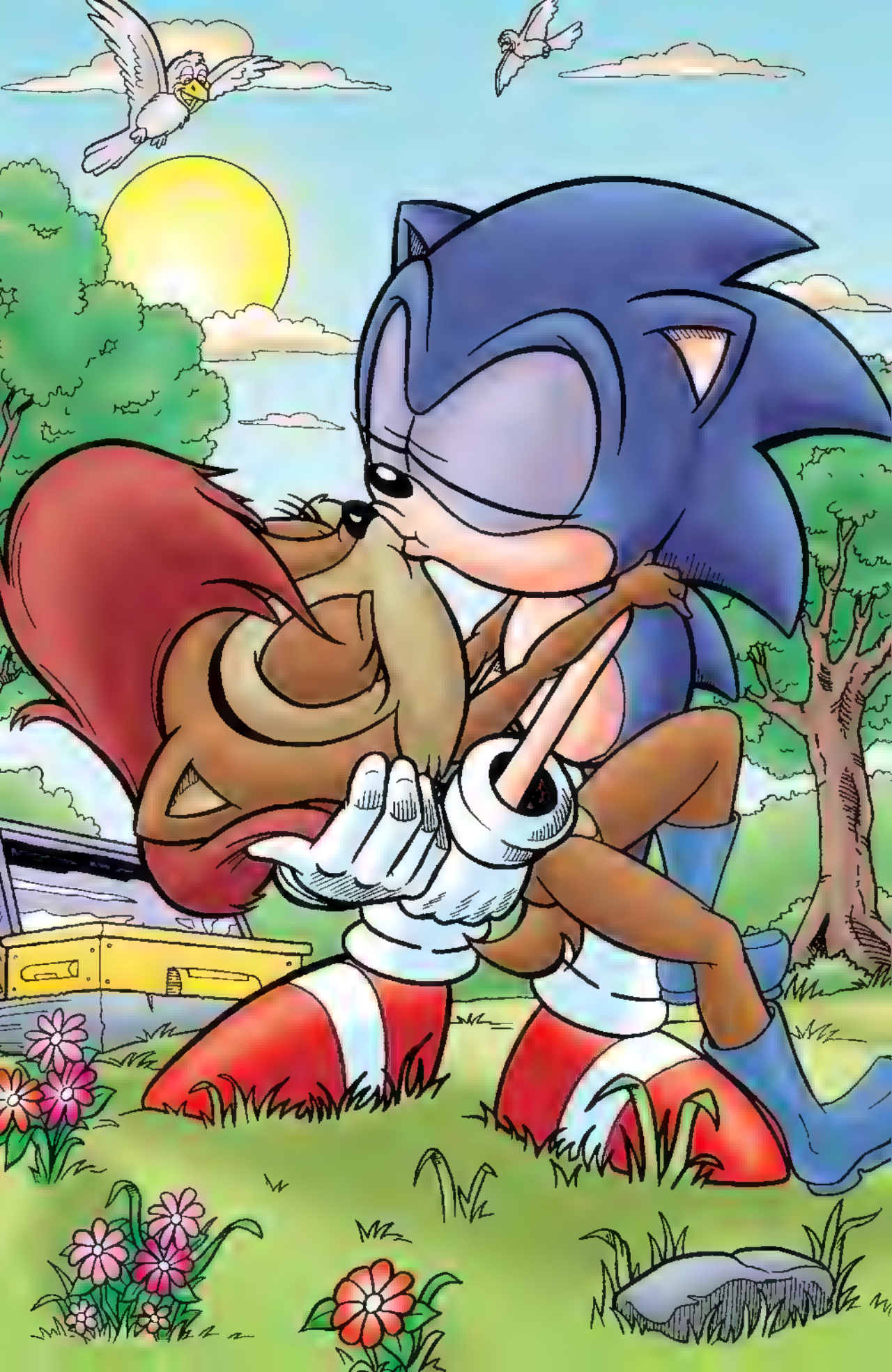


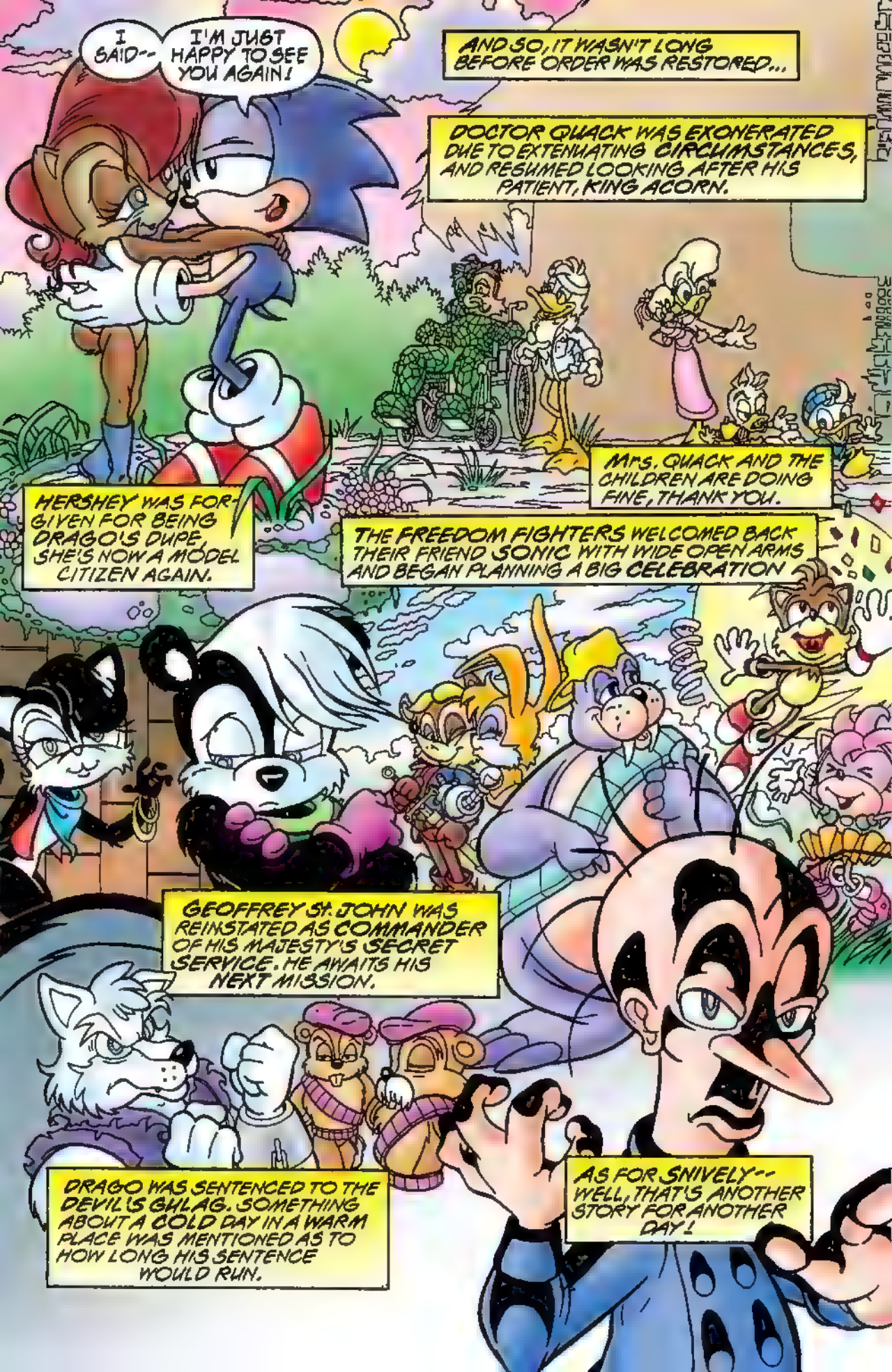





I LOVE YOU, SALLY!
PLEASE COME BACK...


W--WHAT DID YOU SAY, SONIC?




I SAID--
I'M JUST HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
AND SO, IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE ORDER WAS RESTORED...
DOCTOR QUACK WAS EXONERATED DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND RESUMED LOOKING AFTER HIS PATIENT, KING ACORN.
MRS. QUACK AND THE CHILDREN ARE DOING FINE, THANK YOU.
HERSHEY WAS FORGIVEN FOR BEING DRAGO'S DUPE, SHE'S NOW A MODEL CITIZEN AGAIN.
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WELCOMED BACK THEIR FRIEND SONIC WITH WIDE OPEN ARMS AND BEGAN PLANNING A BIG CELEBRATION.
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN WAS REINSTATED AS COMMANDER OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE. HE AWAITS HIS NEXT MISSION.
DRAGO WAS SENTENCED TO THE DEVIL'S GULAG. SOMETHING ABOUT A COLD DAY IN A WARM PLACE WAS MENTIONED AS TO HOW LONG HIS SENTENCE WOULD RUN.
AS FOR SNIVELY-- WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER STORY FOR ANOTHER DAY!

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Back when I first saw the Sonic the Hedgehog comic in my local drugstore in 1993, I knew I had to get it. Once I saw Scott Shaw's incredibly fun and expressive cartooning, I read that first miniseries over and over again. It was one of the many inspirations that drove me to create comics of my own. I started working with Archie on the Sonic books in 2005 when I did STH issues 160 and 161 and then Sonic X issues 5 and 6. Since then, I've drawn a lot of stories. It's not so easy to pick a favorite, but I think overall I most enjoyed working on the "Order from Chaos" story in STH issues 168 and 169.

Order from Chaos wasn't too far into my run, but it was with that story that I felt I got a good handle on the characters and on doing more dynamic page layouts. Designing "A D.A.M./Tommy" was a fun challenge. On top of all that, these two issues featured my first Sonic covers, so "Order from Chaos" held a lot of fun and firsts for me.

Plus, Ian's script was a joy to work on. It tied up so many plot points and finally brought the notion of seven different-colored Chaos Emeralds into the comic continuity. Having tons of green emeralds laying around for all those years made them seem not very special, and now they're much harder to come by, and thus, much more significant.

Anonymous revealed, multi-colored pan-galactic Chaos Emeralds, Super Shadow, Turbo Tails, Super Sonic, the ultimate, heroic demise of Tommy Turtle – just so much to love about this story. I've done several milestone issues and a lot of cool stuff on the Sonic books, but "Order from Chaos" has a special place in my heart.

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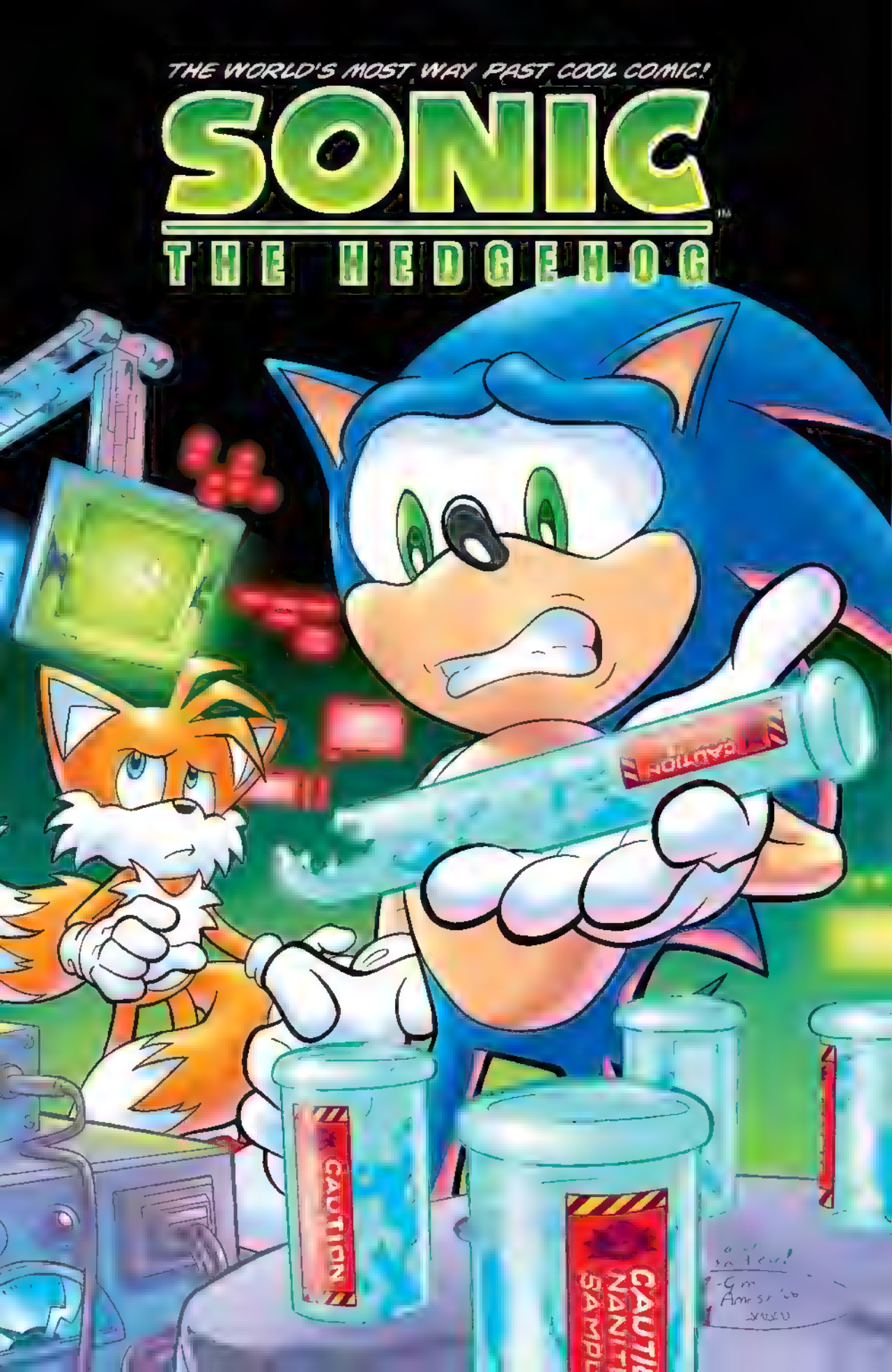
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TOMMY! YOU CAN'T JUST BORROW MY GUITAR AND THEN JET, DUDE. WHERE IS HE?

I DON'T KNOW. HOPEFULLY, FAR FROM HERE.

I'VE GOT FIRST DIBS. HE "HELPED" ME WITH MY LATEST PROJECT. SEE?

AND HE WASHED THE "DIRTY" PETRI DISHES, WHICH DESTROYED ANY NANITE RESEARCH I HAD GOING ON.

EVER SINCE HE GOT THAT DOSE OF NANITES IN HIS SHELL,* TOMMY'S BEEN ACTING UP.

AS IF HE WASN'T CONSTANTLY IN TROUBLE ANYWAY.

YEAH, BUT THE DUDE SAVED MY LIFE.** HE CAN'T BE ALL BAD.

NO, NOT *ALL* BAD.

"THERE IS ALWAYS PRIDE BEFORE THE FALL."

*SEE STH #154 AND THEN
**SEE STH #117.

WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT, FATHER?

IT'S A LESSON I'M ABOUT TO TEACH ANONYMOUS. MY MYSTERIOUS FOE IS ABOUT TO GO DOWN, A.D.A.M.

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER. YOU'VE BEEN AT ODDS WITH ANONYMOUS FOR SOME TIME NOW.

EGG FLEET FUEL CONSUMP

MAY I ASK WHY YOU ARE DELETING ME, FATHER?

I TOLD YOU, A.D.A.M. ANONYMOUS IS GOING DOWN.

I'M AFRAID YOU ARE NOT MAKING SENSE, FATHER.

A.D.A.M DELETION STATUS

93%

YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT. I FIGURED IT OUT.

I SHOULD'VE BEEN MORE SUSPICIOUS FROM THE BEGINNING WHEN ANONYMOUS SENT ME THE METAL DESTRUCTIX AND THE VIDEO OF THEIR CAPTURE.* I KNEW THE ROBOTS WERE CHEAP REPLICAS THEN, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE THE VIDEO HIDDEN IN THEM WAS FAKE.

*SEE STH # 135.

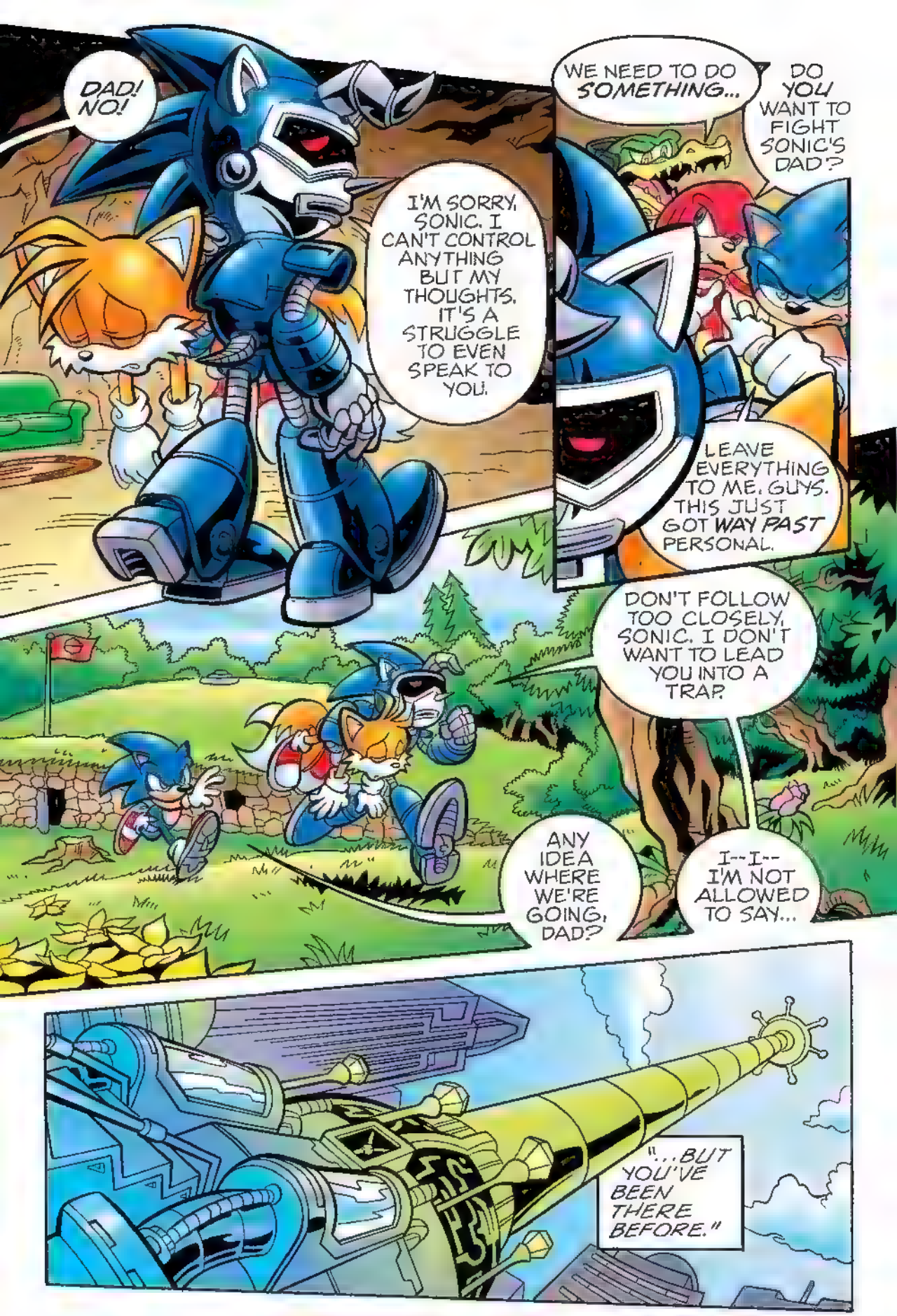
"THEN I REALIZED THE METAL DESTRUCTIX WERE ONLY A VEHICLE TO GET THE AUTO-AUTOMATON OF TOMMY TURTLE CLOSE TO SONIC.*"
WELL DONE, FATHER.
*SEE STH #136 YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET YOUR BACK-ISSUE ORDER SHEET READY.
"YOU TOLD ME IT WAS ANONYMOUS WHO UNLEASHED MY NANITES TO CREATE THAT NANITE CITY...**"
**SEE STH #152.
"...AND LET IN THOSE SPIDER NINJAS WHO FREED MY OLD RIVAL--IXIS NAUGUS--AND DISPOSED OF ALL MY OCCUPIED EGG GRAPES.***"
"THE DIMENSIONAL RIPPLE CAUSED BY NAUGUS'S ESCAPE WENT ON TO DESTROY THE ANCIENT WALKERS..****"
**** SEE STH# 161. MY GOSH... IT'S FULL OF STARS...
*** SEE STH # 161. SEE? DIDN'T WE TELL YOU?
"...WHICH ALL SERVED TO FREE THE MOST POWERFUL VILLAIN OF ALL TIME...MAMMOTH MOGUL.*****"
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME, FATHER?
***** SEE STH # 162! WHEW!

BECAUSE I JUST WATCHED YOU STEAL HIS CHAOS EMERALD AND RELEASE BOTH HIM AND IXIS NAUGUS!
YOU'VE BEEN SPYING ON ME, FATHER? THAT IS NOT VERY NICE!
"NOT VERY NICE"...?! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S NOT VERY NICE!
"YOUR BOGUS INFORMATION ON ANONYMOUS LED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR SISTER MECHA...*"
*SEE STH #162.
"...AND YOU SENT KNOTHOLE'S ARMY OF METAL SONIC TROOPERS AFTER ME!**"
**SEE STH #158. SORRY--ONLY TWO THIS TIME!
I KNOW THAT YOU ARE ANONYMOUS! SO I'M DELETING YOU FROM EXISTENCE, YOU TREASONOUS WASTE OF CODING!
SUCH HARSH LANGUAGE IS UNNECESSARY, FATHER.
OH, SHUT UP AND BE DELETED ALREADY.

IT'S DONE. BOTH MY CHILDREN... GONE...
A VALIANT EFFORT, FATHER. I DID MANAGE TO DOWNLOAD MYSELF TO ONE LAST PLACE, HOWEVER.
NO!
AUGH!
YOU REMEMBER TOMMY TURTLE, DON'T YOU, FATHER? HE UNKNOWINGLY HAS HELPED ME SPREAD MY NANITES...

"...TO FINISH MY MASTER PLAN!*"
NICOLE?! WHAT'S WRONG?
NANITE ÷KZZT!÷ INFECTION ÷KZZT!÷ ATTEMPTING ÷KZZT!÷ TO PURGE ÷KZZT!÷
FIGHT, NICOLE!
YOU CAN DO IT!
YOU CAN WHIP THOSE NANITES ANY OLD--
CRASH!
*AS SEEN IN STH #162. HOW MANY BACK ISSUES HAVE YOU CHECKED OFF SO FAR?
--DAY?
NICOLE! AH'M SO SORRY!
TAILS, NO! KNUCKLES! MIGHTY! SOME-BODY!
OOF!
GET IN HERE AN' STOP ME!!!

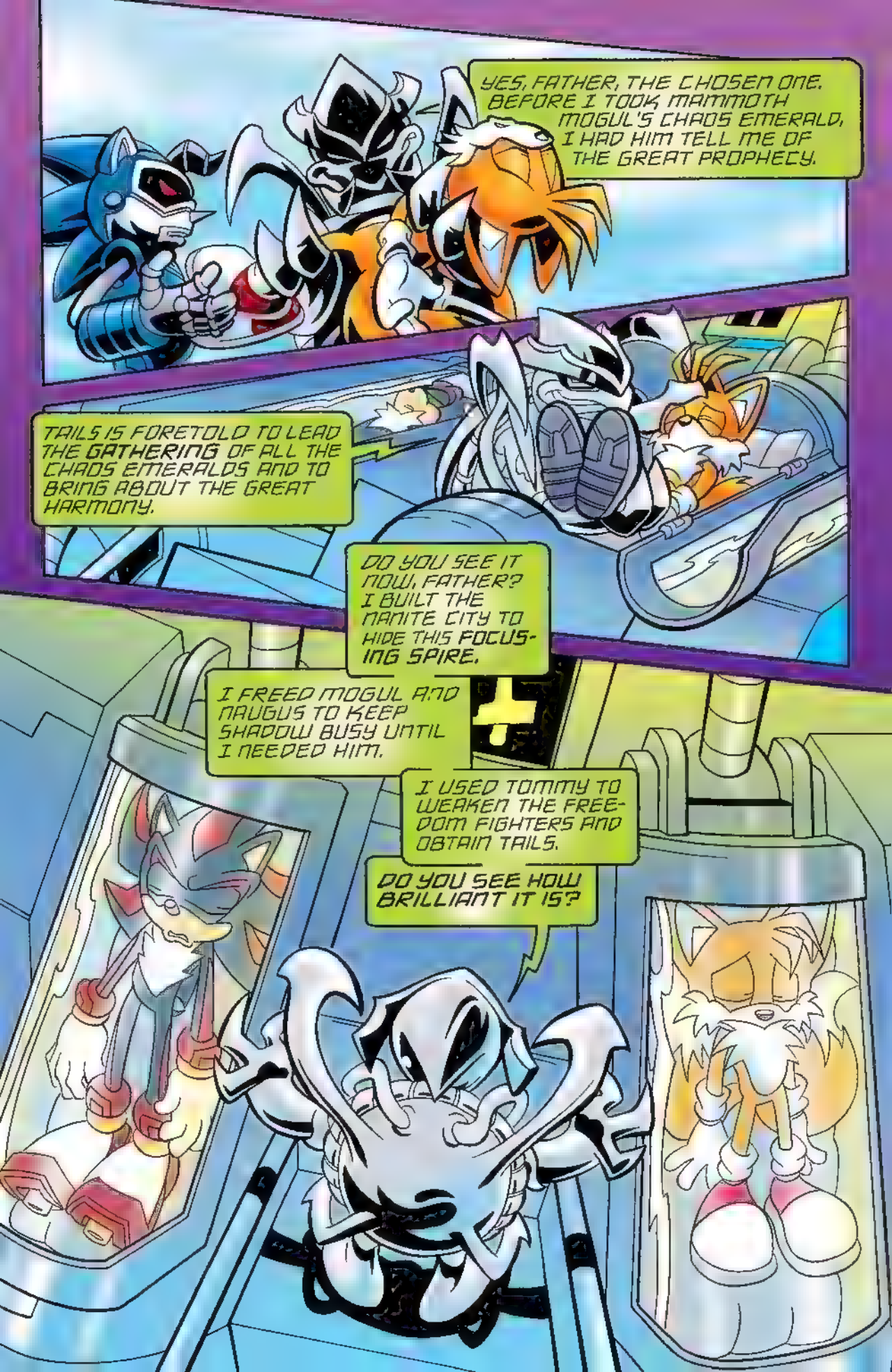
SORRY TO BE ROUGH, BUNNIE!
JUST STOP ME!!!
IT'S PROBABLY THE NANITES! I'M GOING TO DISENGAGE YOUR LIMBS UNTIL YOU'RE CURED.
THAT'S FINE. JUST KEEP ME FROM HURTIN' ANYONE OR ANYTHING ELSE!
DON'T WORRY, BUNNIE. TAILS AND I WILL GET YOU AND NICOLE DISINFECTED AND REPAIRED IN NO TIME!
AH KNOW. -SNIFF- BUT HOW DID WE GET INFECTED IN THE FIRST PLACE?
AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, WHERE IS TAILS?
AH...AH THINK AH THREW HIM OUTSIDE...
...OH NO...!


DAD! NO!
I'M SORRY, SONIC. I CAN'T CONTROL ANYTHING BUT MY THOUGHTS. IT'S A STRUGGLE TO EVEN SPEAK TO YOU.
WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING...
DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT SONIC'S DAD?
LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME, GUYS. THIS JUST GOT WAY PAST PERSONAL.
DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY, SONIC. I DON'T WANT TO LEAD YOU INTO A TRAP.
ANY IDEA WHERE WE'RE GOING, DAD?
I--I-- I'M NOT ALLOWED TO SAY...
"...BUT YOU'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE."

THE NANITE CITY...
WHAT IS IT, DOCTOR?
FIRST YOU SEND ME TO HUNT DOWN MAMMOTH MOGUL AND IXIS NAUGUS. THEN YOU TELL ME TO MEET YOU HERE. YOU NEED TO MAKE UP YOUR...
...MIND?
HELLO, SHADOW.
YOU'RE THE LAST PIECE OF THE PUZZLE!

I RECOGNIZE THE VOICE AS A.D.A.M. WHO IS THE MOBIAN YOU'RE USING?
A GULLIBLE FRIEND OF SONIC'S. TOMMY HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL INSIDE AGENT.
WHUD
CLANG
AND THE PERFECT HIDING PLACE, ONCE FATHER FINALLY UNRAVELED THE ANONYMOUS CONSPIRACY.
AND NOW I HAVE MADE HIM THE MOST POWERFUL MOBIAN ALIVE.
WHAM
EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM.

I'M SURE YOU WOULD FIGURE OUT MY PLAN EVENTUALLY, FATHER, BUT I DO NOT HAVE THE TIME. ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.
WITH YOUR TECHNOLOGY, I DISCOVERED THAT THERE ARE SEVEN COLORED VARIETIES OF CHAOS EMERALDS THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS. JUST THINK OF ALL THOSE MAGICAL GEMSTONES WITH THEIR UNLIMITED POWER.
KEEP THAT IN MIND.
FOR MY PLAN TO WORK, I NEED TWO SPECIAL MOBIANS. I NEED SUPER-SHADOW FOR HIS SUPER-POWERFUL CHAOS CONTROL.
AND I NEED TURBO TAILS --THE CHOSEN ONE.


YES, FATHER, THE CHOSEN ONE. BEFORE I TOOK MAMMOTH MOGUL'S CHAOS EMERALD, I HAD HIM TELL ME OF THE GREAT PROPHECY.
TAILS IS FORETOLD TO LEAD THE GATHERING OF ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND TO BRING ABOUT THE GREAT HARMONY.
DO YOU SEE IT NOW, FATHER? I BUILT THE NANITE CITY TO HIDE THIS FOCUSING SPIRE.
I FREED MOGUL AND NAUGUS TO KEEP SHADOW BUSY UNTIL I NEEDED HIM.
I USED TOMMY TO WEAKEN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND OBTAIN TAILS.
DO YOU SEE HOW BRILLIANT IT IS?

MORE LIKE CONVOLUTED, IF YOU ASK ME...
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, MY SON...
I KNOW--THROUGH YOU--THAT SONIC IS WITHIN THE CITY...
...AND BEING CAUTIOUS OF A TRAP THAT DOESN'T EXIST...
AND I KNOW YOU'VE REMOTELY SUMMONED YOUR EGG FLEET, FATHER.
OF COURSE I KNOW.
BUT THEY WILL ARRIVE TOO LATE.

A SHORT-CUT THROUGH ALL OF SPACE-TIME...
...A BEACON FOR THE GEMS...
I WILL HAVE ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS FROM THE UNIVERSE!
THE ANONYMOUS CONSPIRACY IS SOLVED, BUT NOW A.D.A.M. IS IN CONTROL! CAN SONIC STOP THE CHAOS EMERALDS FROM GATHERING *AND* SAVE TOMMY?
FIND OUT IN
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG #169!

THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!
SONIC
HEDGEHOG
SONIC GOES SUPER!
Tracy Yardley!
+
Jim Amash too!

A.D.A.M.–DOCTOR EGGMAN'S COMPUTER PROGRAM "SON"–HAS REVEALED THAT HE IS THE CORE OF THE ANONYMOUS CONSPIRACY.
NOW A.D.A.M.'S MASTER PLAN NEARS COMPLETION WITH TAILS AND SHADOW CAPTURED, TOMMY TURTLE AS HIS SLAVE, AND SONIC'S FATHER ...

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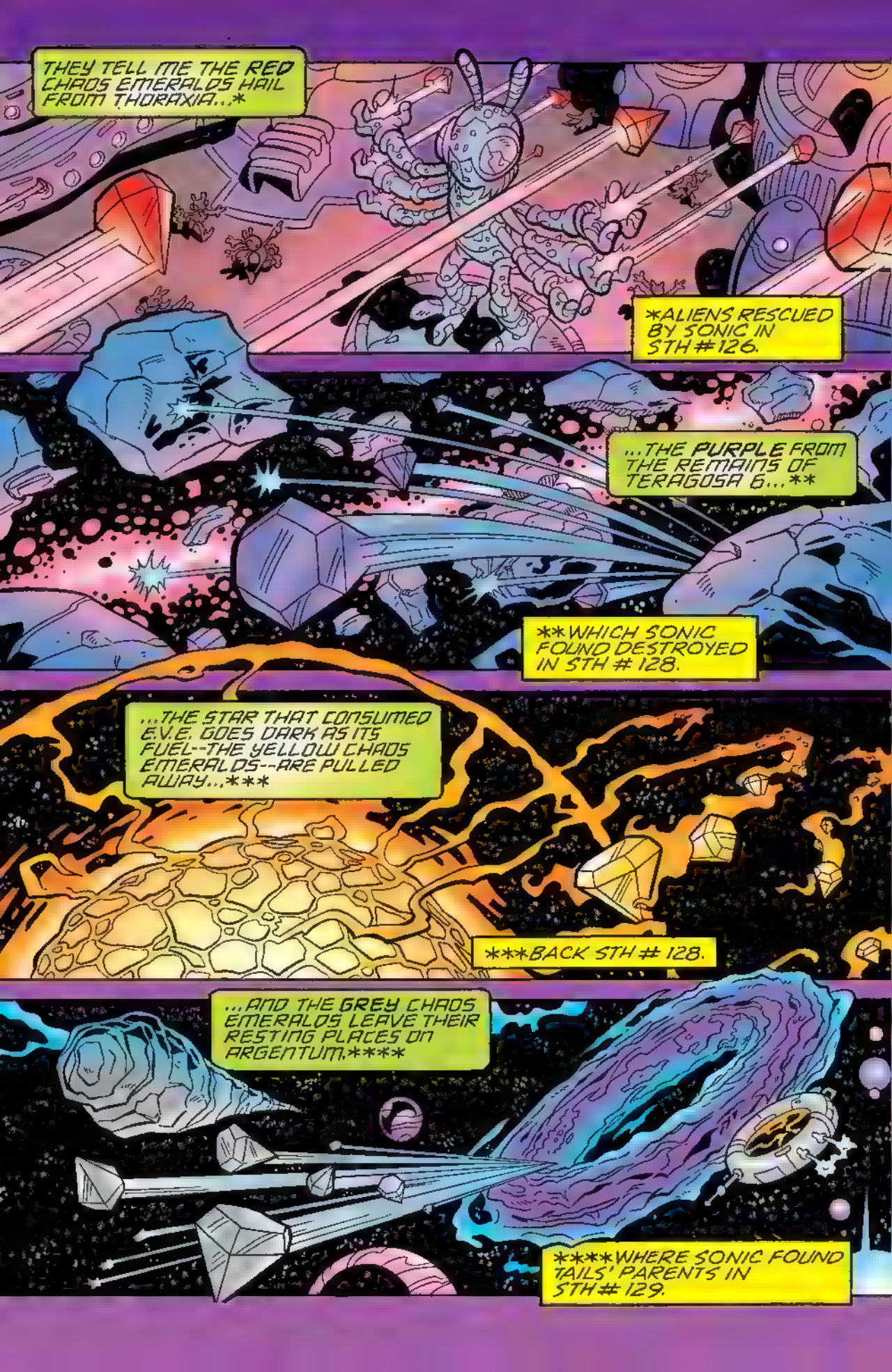
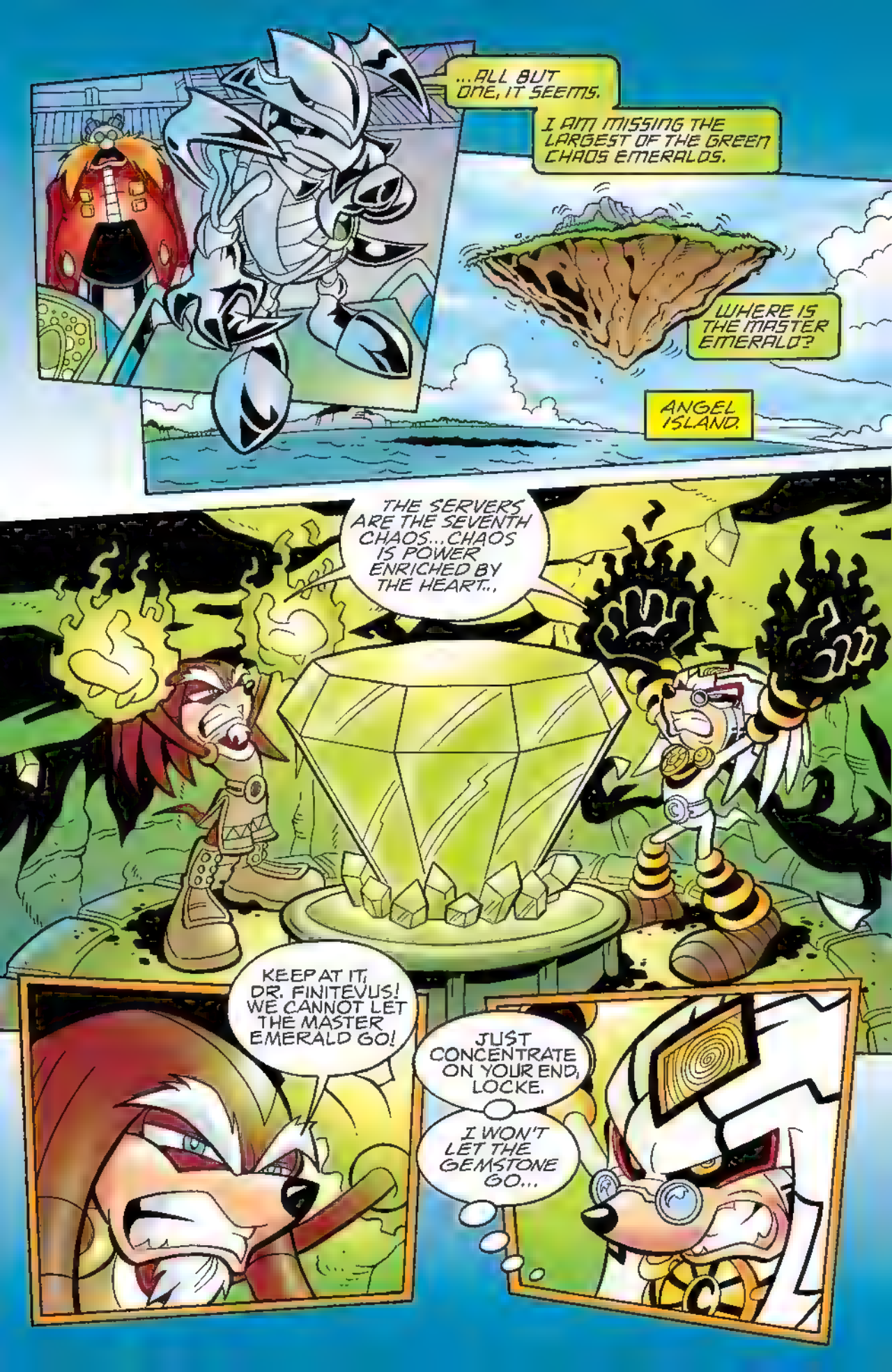
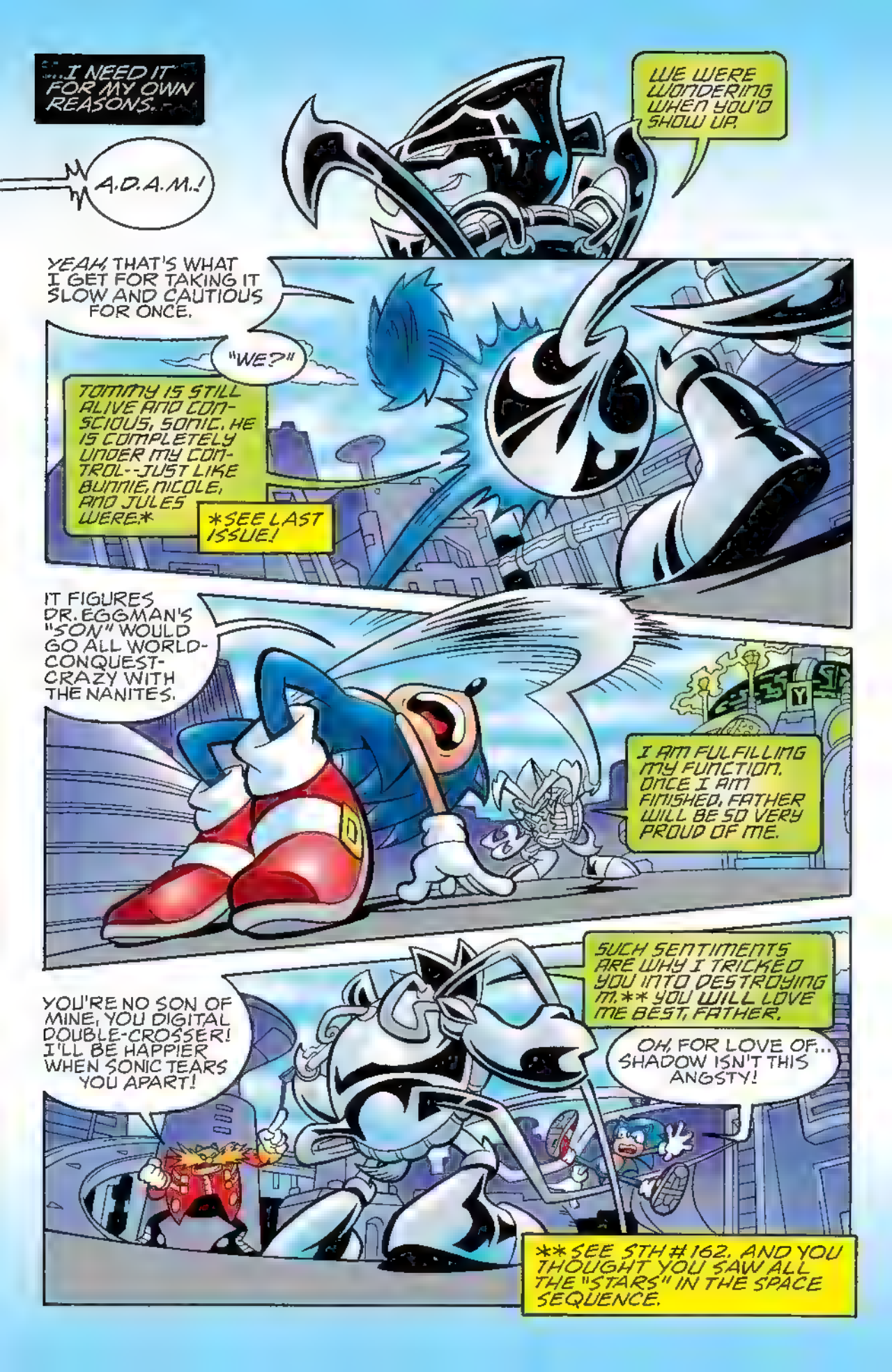
MY DEVICE IS SUMMONING EVERY GREEN CHAOS EMERALD FROM AROUND MOBIUS...
...THE CYAN CHAOS EMERALDS FROM THE PLANET WEEET...*
*WHO REMEMBERS CAR HEEM FROM THE CLASSIC STH # 23?
...AND THE BLUE CHAOS EMERALDS FROM PLANET XORDA.**
**WARMONGERING, MOBIUS-HATING ALIENS OF STH # 124.
HOW DO I KNOW ALL THIS? I AM BOUND TO THE SUMMONING SPIRE. THE EMERALDS ARE TELLING ME.


THEY TELL ME THE RED CHAOS EMERALDS HAIL FROM THORAXIA...*
*ALIENS RESCUED BY SONIC IN STH #126.
...THE PURPLE FROM THE REMAINS OF TERAGOSA 6...**
**WHICH SONIC FOUND DESTROYED IN STH # 128.
...THE STAR THAT CONSUMED E.V.E. GOES DARK AS ITS FUEL--THE YELLOW CHAOS EMERALDS--ARE PULLED AWAY...***
***BACK STH # 128.
...AND THE GREY CHAOS EMERALDS LEAVE THEIR RESTING PLACES ON ARGENTUM.****
****WHERE SONIC FOUND TAILS' PARENTS IN STH # 129.

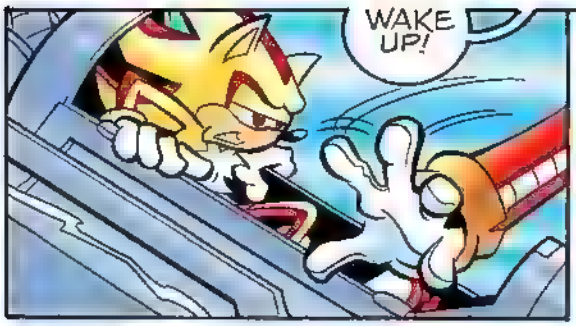
WITH TURBO TAILS--THE CHOSEN ONE--ACTING AS A BEACON AND SUPER-SHADOW'S CHAOS CONTROL POWERS SPEEDING THEM ALONG THEIR WAY, I HAVE GATHERED EVERY CHAOS EMERALD IN THE UNIVERSE!

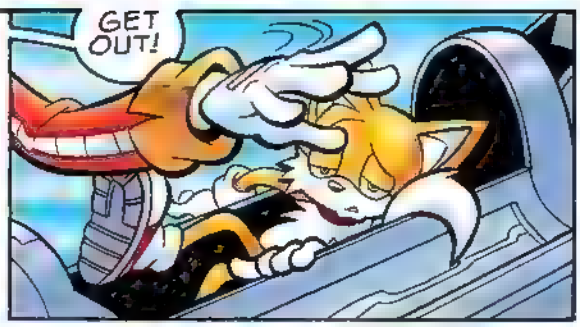

...ALL BUT ONE, IT SEEMS.
I AM MISSING THE LARGEST OF THE GREEN CHAOS EMERALDS.
WHERE IS THE MASTER EMERALD?
ANGEL ISLAND.
THE SERVERS ARE THE SEVENTH CHAOS...CHAOS IS POWER ENRICHED BY THE HEART...
KEEP AT IT, DR. FINITEVUS! WE CANNOT LET THE MASTER EMERALD GO!
JUST CONCENTRATE ON YOUR END, LOCKE.
I WON'T LET THE GEMSTONE GO...


...I NEED IT FOR MY OWN REASONS...
A.D.A.M.!
WE WERE WONDERING WHEN YOU'D SHOW UP.
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR TAKING IT SLOW AND CAUTIOUS FOR ONCE.
"WE?"
TOMMY IS STILL ALIVE AND CONSCIOUS, SONIC. HE IS COMPLETELY UNDER MY CONTROL--JUST LIKE BUNNIE, NICOLE, AND JULES WERE.*
*SEE LAST ISSUE!
IT FIGURES DR. EGGMAN'S "SON" WOULD GO ALL WORLD-CONQUEST-CRAZY WITH THE NANITES.
I AM FULFILLING MY FUNCTION. ONCE I AM FINISHED, FATHER WILL BE SO VERY PROUD OF ME.
SUCH SENTIMENTS ARE WHY I TRICKED YOU INTO DESTROYING M.** YOU WILL LOVE ME BEST, FATHER.
YOU'RE NO SON OF MINE, YOU DIGITAL DOUBLE-CROSSER! I'LL BE HAPPIER WHEN SONIC TEARS YOU APART!
OH, FOR LOVE OF... SHADOW ISN'T THIS ANGSTY!
**SEE STH #162. AND YOU THOUGHT YOU SAW ALL THE "STARS" IN THE SPACE SEQUENCE.

TIME TO WRAP THIS...
...UP, TOMMY, DUDE! I'M SORRY! IT'S JUST THAT...
CLANG!
YOU COULD NEVER HURT TOMMY. THAT IS WHY YOU CANNOT STOP ME.
UNHF!!!
...WOOGAH...
KEEP HIM BUSY FOR A FEW MINUTES MORE, SONIC. MY EGG FLEET IS EN ROUTE, AND ITS FIREPOWER WILL BE ABLE TO...
I'M NOT LOSING TOMMY. I JUST NEED TO TAKE IT UP A NOTCH.
THIS COULD TAKE A TURN FOR THE WORSE VERY EASILY. I MUST TAKE MORE DRASTIC MEASURES.

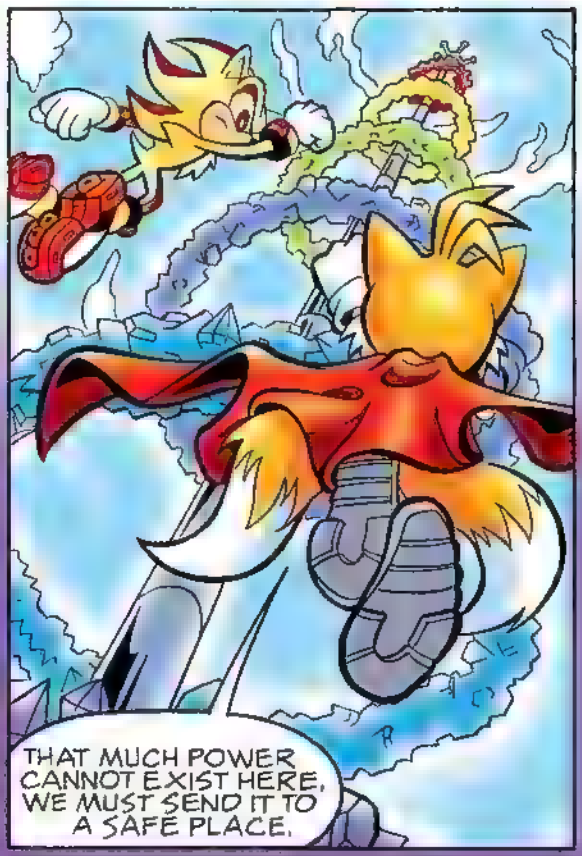
COPY-TURTLE! OR ROBOT. OR CYBORG. WHATEVER.
DO YOU EVER SHUT UP?
WHOO-HA!!!
COME ON OUT, A.D.A.M.! I'M READY TO RIP EVERY LAST NANITE OF YOU OFF MY FRIEND!
IF YOU INSIST.

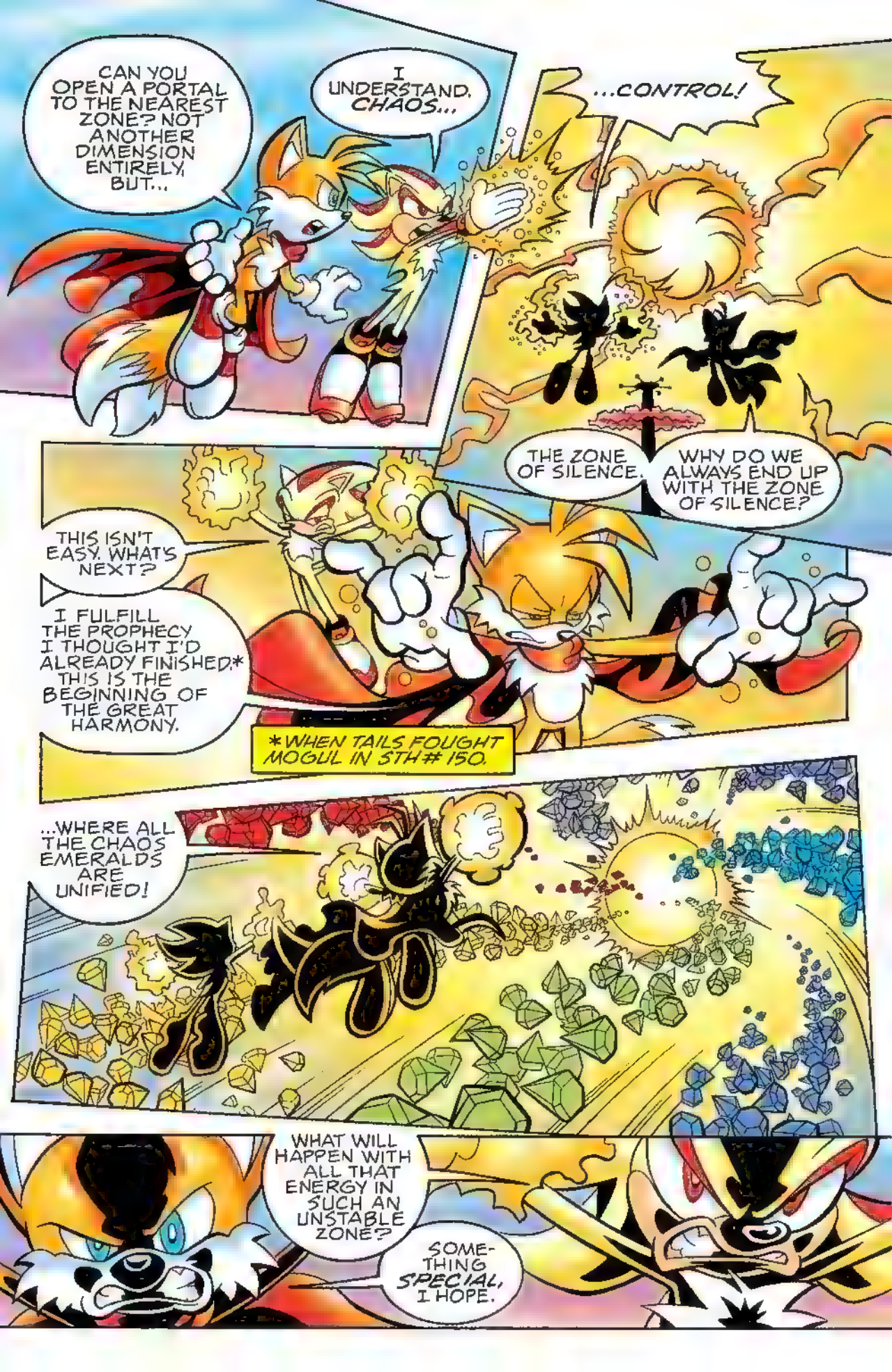




A.D.A.M HAS GAINED SUPER-LEVEL POWER! SUPER SONIC CAN'T TAKE HIM ALONE, MUCH LESS MY EGG FLEET! YOU TWO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!

YES...



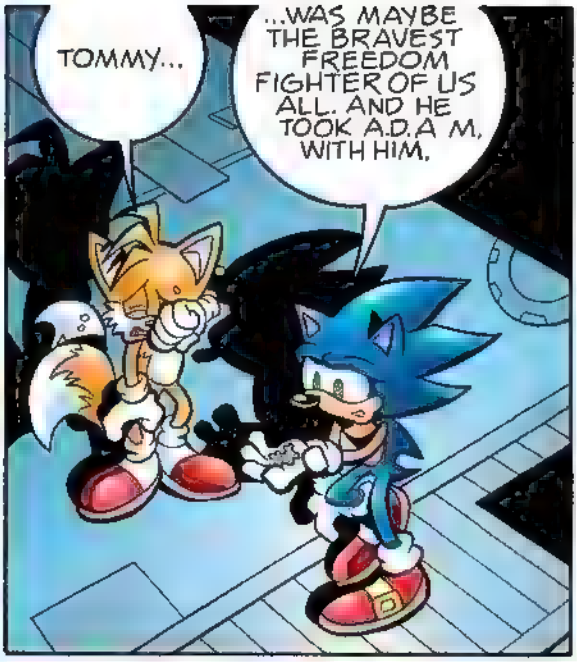

CAN YOU OPEN A PORTAL TO THE NEAREST ZONE? NOT ANOTHER DIMENSION ENTIRELY, BUT...
I UNDERSTAND. CHAOS...
...CONTROL!
THE ZONE OF SILENCE.
WHY DO WE ALWAYS END UP WITH THE ZONE OF SILENCE?
THIS ISN'T EASY. WHAT'S NEXT?
I FULFILL THE PROPHECY I THOUGHT I'D ALREADY FINISHED.* THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT HARMONY.
*WHEN TAILS FOUGHT MOGUL IN STH # 150.
...WHERE ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE UNIFIED!
WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH ALL THAT ENERGY IN SUCH AN UNSTABLE ZONE?
SOMETHING SPECIAL, I HOPE.

NO!
IT'S OVER, A.D.A.M. THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE SAFELY OUT OF REACH...
..AND THE EGG FLEET IS HERE. LET TOMMY GO. YOU'RE BEAT.
HARDLY...
IN THIS SUPER-FORM, I AM INVINCIBLE. I... WAIT..WHAT...?!
HEY, SONIC.
TOMMY? IS IT REALLY YOU THIS TIME?
I'M SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG TO WIN BACK CONTROL.

I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING, REALLY. I'M SORRY I'VE BEEN SUCH A PAIN. I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE I'VE DRAGGED YOU INTO. AND I'M ESPECIALLY SORRY FOR LETTING A.D.A.M. DO THIS TO EVERYONE.
YOU'RE IN CONTROL NOW.
DUDE, IT'S COOL.
NO, I'M NOT. A.D.A.M. WILL WIN BACK CONTROL ANY MINUTE NOW, AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET IT BACK. A.D.A.M. MUST BE DESTROYED SO THAT EVERYONE WILL BE CURED OF THEIR NANITE INFECTIONS.
I'M SORRY, SONIC...
..YOU GAVE ME A SECOND CHANCE IN LIFE.* IT'S TIME I REPAID THAT DEBT!
DOCTOR EGGMAN TO EGG FLEET!
TOMMY!!! NO!!!
ALL CANNONS--
FIRE!
*FROM THE AUTO-AUTOMATONS IN STH #137.

KRA-KOOM
TOMMY!!!
...TOMMY...
SO MUCH FOR FAMILY. WHAT A COLOSSAL WASTE OF TIME. AND I MISSED OUT ON A LITERAL TON OF CHAOS EMERALDS.
COME ALONG, SHADOW... WE'RE DONE NOW.

I'M LETTING YOU GO FOR NOW, SONIC. I'VE HAD TOO LONG OF A DAY TO DEAL WITH YOU RIGHT NOW.
...SURE...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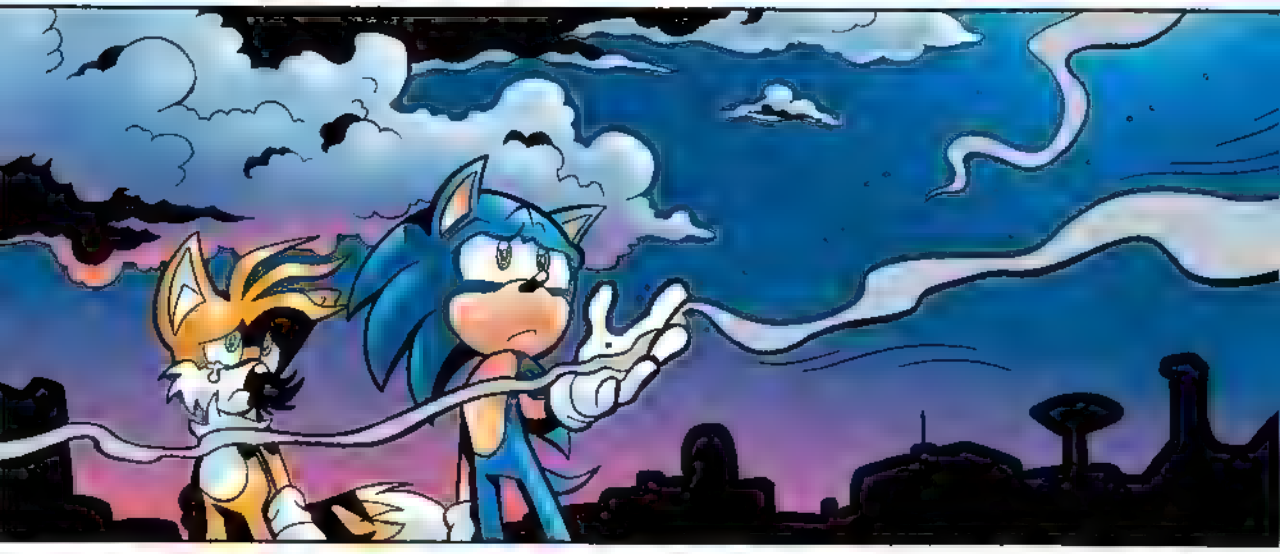
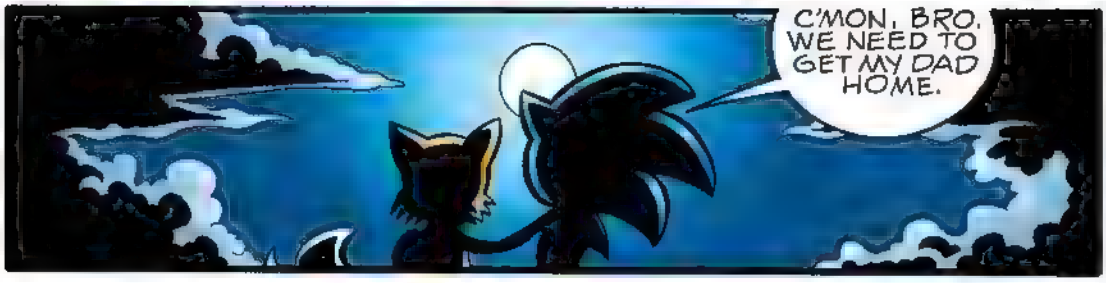
...WAS MAYBE THE BRAVEST FREEDOM FIGHTER OF US ALL. AND HE TOOK A.D.A.M. WITH HIM.




C'MON, BRO. WE NEED TO GET MY DAD HOME.

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-Story Mode-

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JAMAL PEPPERS

As I write this, it was exactly three years ago to the day that I turned in my first work for "Sonic the Hedgehog." I started reading the Sonic the Hedgehog comics a few years before I was hired to work on the series. Jon Gray was the penciller at the time and I was a big fan of his work on the book. There's so much life and energy in the way he draws the characters and that's not always easy with a book like Sonic the Hedgehog, which has such a large cast of characters. That large cast was part of what had drawn me to the series because it reminded me of the superhero team comics I loved as a child. Sonic the Hedgehog has all of the action and drama of those superhero comics and it's fun, too.

One of my favorite Sonic stories was the Silver Saga in Sonic Universe #25-28. I first heard about the Silver Saga story while visiting the Archie Comics office. Paul Kaminski, the editor of the Sonic books, told me what Ian Flynn had been working on for Silver's Sonic Universe arc and it blew me away. When I finally read the Silver Saga it more than lived up to the story Paul told me months earlier. The thrilling story and amazing art of the Silver Saga make it a highlight of both Sonic series' – but what makes it even more special for me is that I got to draw the prelude to the story called "Future Tense."

While "Future Tense" provides the back story for Silver's appearance in the "Family Matters" storyline it also sets the stage for the "Silver Saga." It was a lot of fun to draw and I hope it was as much fun to read for everyone who loves Silver and the rest of the Sonic cast.

Jamal Peppers

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FUTURE TENSE

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200 YEARS FROM NOW...

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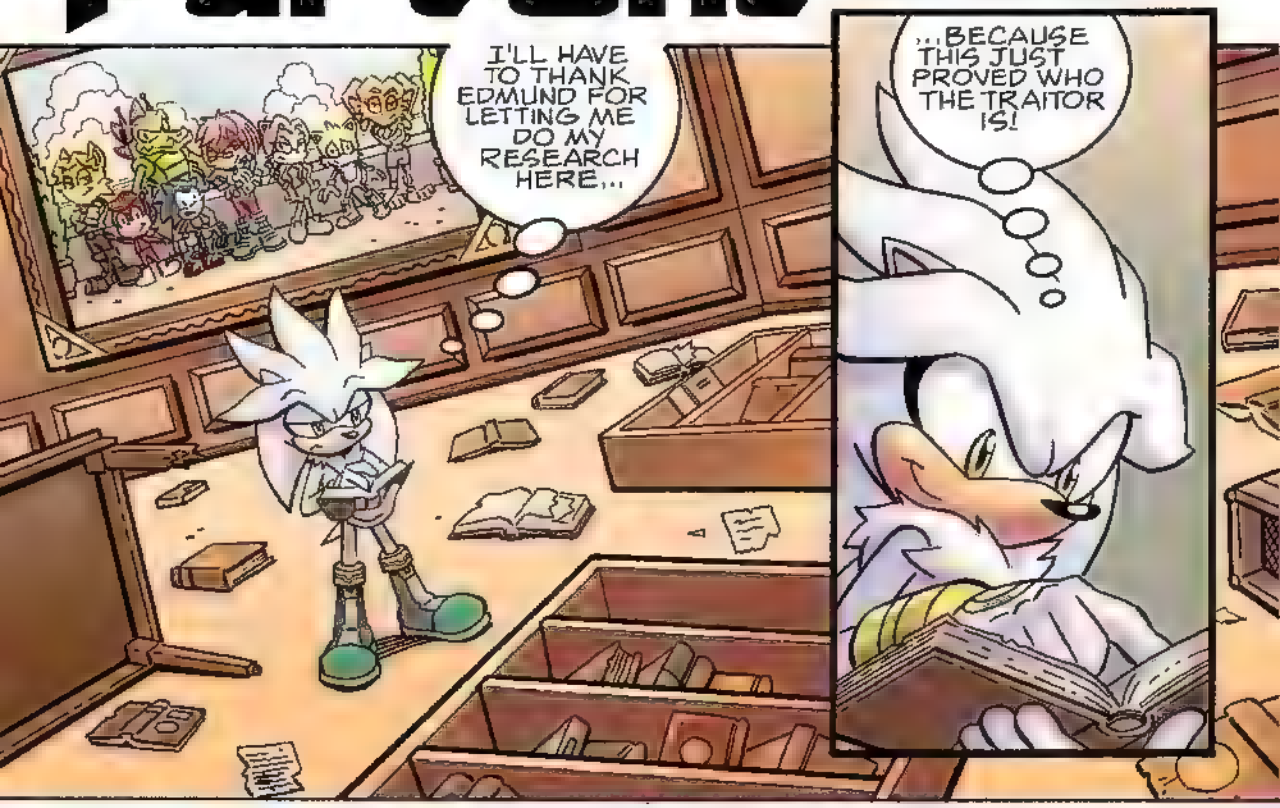
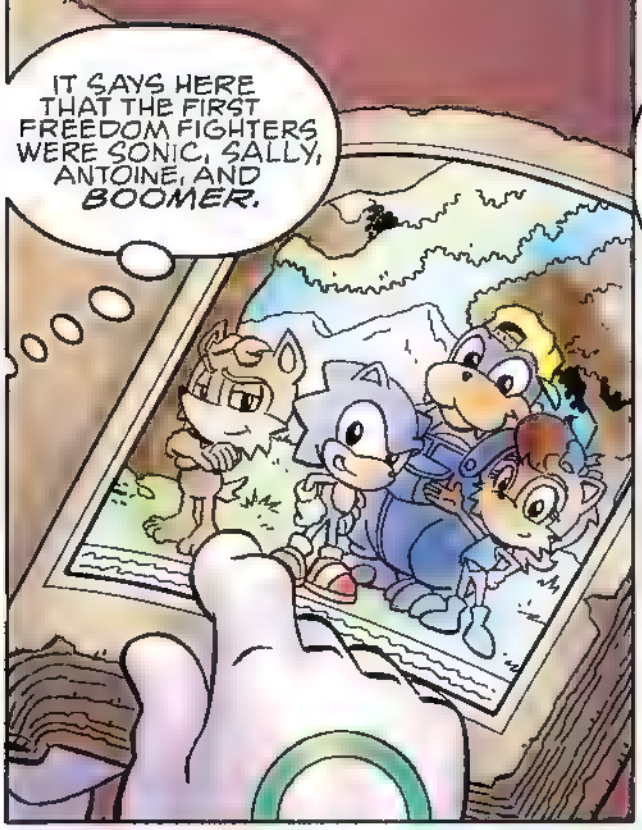
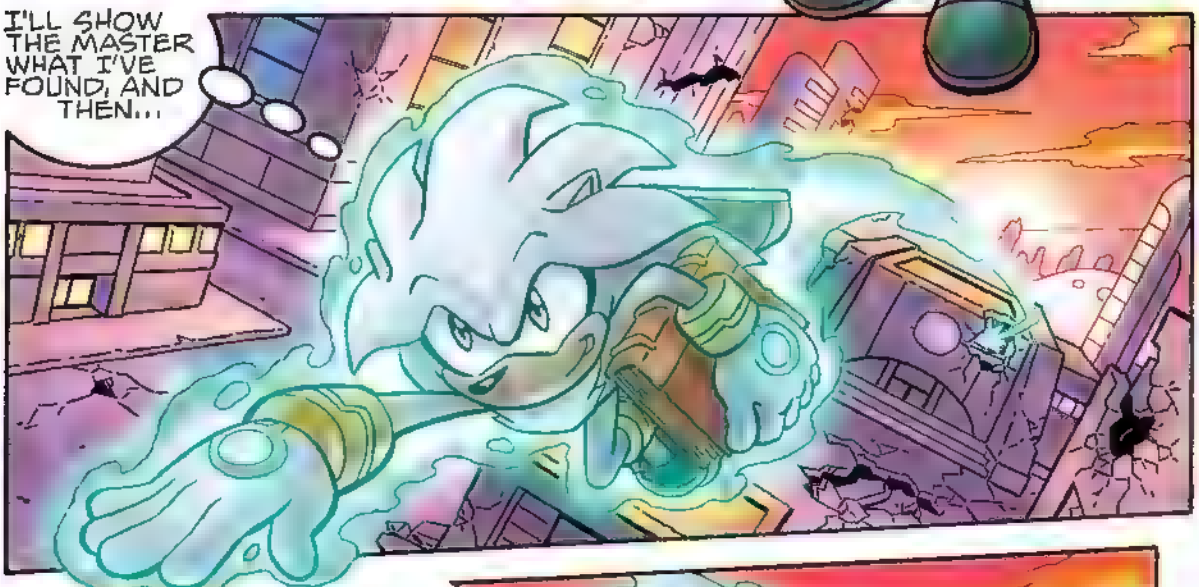
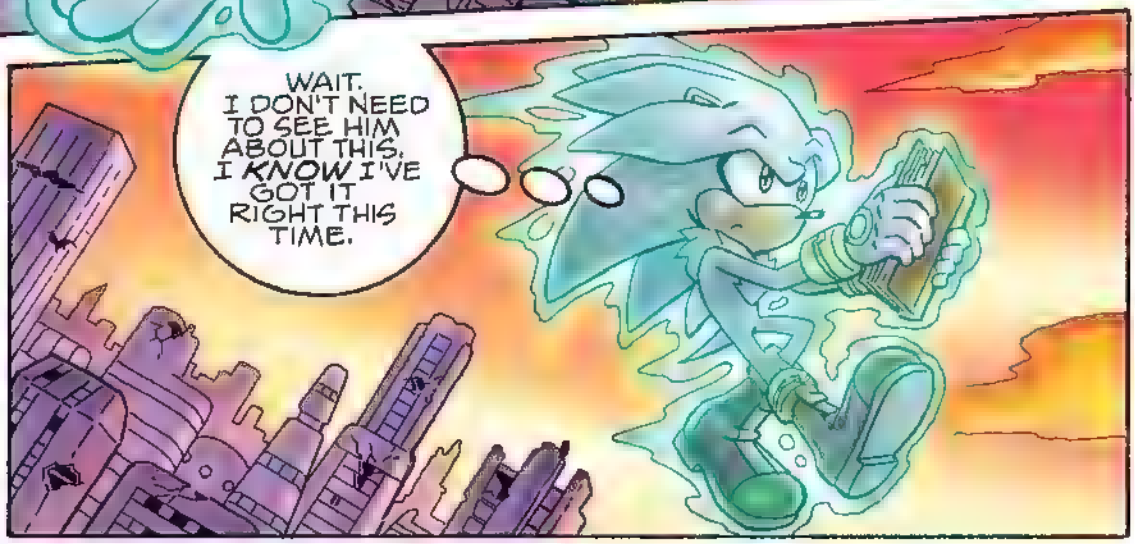



IT SAYS HERE THAT THE FIRST FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE SONIC, SALLY, ANTOINE, AND BOOMER.

WHOEVER THIS "ROTOR" GUY IS, HE MUST HAVE TAKEN BOOMER'S PLACE AND SOMEHOW GONE UN-DETECTED.


I'LL SHOW THE MASTER WHAT I'VE FOUND, AND THEN...


WAIT. I DON'T NEED TO SEE HIM ABOUT THIS. I KNOW I'VE GOT IT RIGHT THIS TIME.

I'LL HANDLE THIS ALL BY MYSELF.
"AND NO SUPER WARP RING THIS TIME. I'M CONFIDENT IN USING THE POWER OF THE TIME STONES NOW."
FWOMP
NOW! TO GO BACK AND ...DESTROY... THE TRAITOR!
...BECAUSE IT HAS TO BE DONE!
...MUST BE DONE!

ARGH. CAN I REALLY GO THAT FAR? CAN I REALLY JUST DESTROY SOMEONE FOR A CRIME THEY HAVEN'T COMMITTED YET?
MAYBE ...MAYBE I'LL JUST TALK TO HIM... CONVINCE HIM NOT TO...
NO.

HE DID THIS TO HIS FUTURE.
HE DID THIS TO MY PAST.
I'LL SAVE BOTH OUR TIMES AND BOTH OUR WORLDS! CHRONOS CONTROL!
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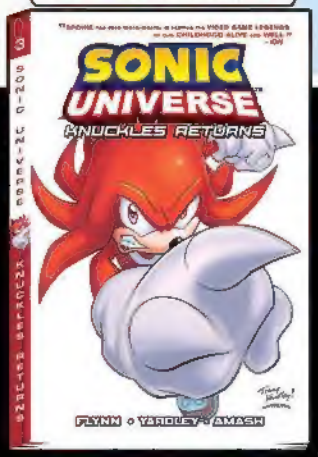

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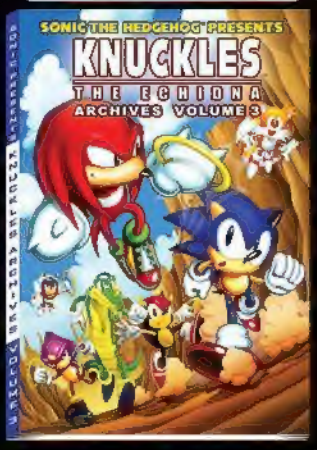

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